

# BIG ARTILLERY DUELS ON MOSCOW FRONT

## Weather

Local—Increasing cloudiness and warmer. Southerly winds. High temperature about 60.  
Eastern New York and New Jersey—Increasing cloudiness and somewhat warmer.

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## Kharkov Evacuated; All Supplies Removed

### Moscow Counterattacks Decimate Nazis, Take Back Six Towns

KUIBYSHEV, Oct. 29 (UP).—An October 27th dispatch to the Soviet newspaper Pravda reported today that a Soviet submarine sank four German transports in "northern waters."

LONDON, Thursday, Oct. 30 (UP).—Red Army troops have evacuated the great industrial center of Kharkov—fourth largest city in the Soviet Union—after a battle in which the Germans lost 120,000 men, 450 tanks, 3,000 trucks and 200 big guns, according to a communique broadcast by the Moscow radio today.

"All the most important factories, plants, railway rolling stock, raw materials, stores and other valuables were evacuated in time" from Kharkov, the communique said.

"Several medium and small plants of military importance were blown up."

Kharkov is a city of 833,000. The Germans reported its capture Saturday. The communique said that "the German fascists planned to capture Kharkov in September but these plans . . . remained on paper. Kharkov has been left by our troops for strategic considerations at a time when the Soviet command deemed it expedient and not when the Germans wanted it."

#### MOSCOW DEFENSE FIRM

The Moscow Front was reported holding firmly. The communique reported fighting in the same Volokolamsk, Moshaisk and Molyatsev sectors, 60 miles northwest, 60 miles west and 65 miles southwest of Moscow, and it claimed that Soviet planes destroyed 50 German tanks, 210 trucks and "partially annihilated" one and a half regiments (4,500 men) of infantry Tuesday.

Tass, the official Soviet News Agency, said the Germans threw great forces of tanks and infantry into "their last offensive" in the Volokolamsk sector. Tass said, "If the enemy succeeded in advancing a little bit in this direction, the small strip of territory which he occupied is by far not worth such tremendous losses, since during three days of fighting on this sector the second German tank division, lost nearly 90 tanks. It was here, too, that the Germans lost nearly two regiments (6,000 men) from their 29th Motorized Division and second Tank Division."

"In addition," Tass said, "a reconnaissance detachment of the 160th German Division, consisting of one company of bicyclists, one cavalry squadron, one squadron of motorcyclists and a detail of signallers—in all 500 men and officers—was completely annihilated. The 160th German Infantry Division also was battered, having lost 3,000 men killed and wounded since Oct. 2."

#### HUGE ARTILLERY DUEL ON MOSCOW FRONT

KUIBYSHEV, U.S.S.R., Oct. 29 (UP).—German artillery has unleashed the greatest barrage of the war against the Moscow approaches and the city's defenders expect an onslaught, but without waiting for it they have started an offensive which has driven the Germans from

## Responsibility To the Nation An Editorial

OVERSHADOWING all other considerations, in the present national emergency, is the imperative assurance of maximum defense production. The war against Hitlerism is primarily a war of materials—of airplanes, tanks and other munitions. The supreme necessity of the country—in which labor is in full accord—is top production of all defense materials.

A grave danger to this required maximum production exists in the current strike situation. The shutdown of industries upon which the defense machine depends weakens the United States in the battle against Hitler. These shutdowns cannot be laid justly at the door of labor. The working people have demonstrated that they realize the responsibility of labor to the nation and mean to fulfill that responsibility.

What are the basic causes for the strikes which are harassing national defense?

First and foremost, these shutdowns arise directly from the unpatriotic resistance of certain die-hard employing interests to the workers' just grievances. The continuance of profiteering on a large and unhealthy scale has been made paramount by these interests over the just relationship with the workers which would build up national morale. In many instances, these employers have openly defied the decisions of the National Mediation Board and have put their excess profits above the welfare of the general population and the defense of the nation.

Second, the government has not proceeded with such speed and diligence in bringing these recalcitrant employers "to time" as the national emergency requires. The government—and its subordinate boards—has been far too slow and hesitant in resorting to those essential measures against these selfish employers which would protect the standards and health of the workers and thus prevent stoppages.

Furthermore, in such a situation there are forces at work to provoke labor into precipitate strike action—to the advantage of the enemies of the nation and to the serious disadvantage of labor. There is no small danger from such provocation. In this emergency, labor is obliged to find ways and means to use its tremendous power to compel acceptance of the workers' justified demands without interference with continued production. Labor has the strength to accomplish this objective and that trade union leadership which can achieve such results will have to assert itself for the nation's welfare.

Labor has a responsibility, for its own protection and that of the nation, summarily to reject the policy of John L. Lewis—who would embark upon an indiscriminate program of strikes without regard to the interests of national defense.

The governmental agencies have correctly asked the workers to restrain their use of the right to strike. But certain employers, in the absence of a strong policy by the government to enforce the just demands of the workers, have taken this request as a signal for attacking the unions and rejecting advances which the rising cost of living makes a matter of the greatest urgency. A flagrant case in point is the current Bendix situation, where the employers have callously violated the law of the land in an effort to wipe out the union. There is no doubt that the government, to bring about continuous production in the defense industries, is obliged to bestir itself more vigorously in compelling the employers to bargain with their working people.

Such a definite step forward on the part of the government would build the national unity of the country. It would rob the appeasers of any fruits from their unscrupulous efforts to break down the national morale.

Four strike situations are before the country at the present moment. They exist in the captive mines, owned by the steel companies; on the railroad systems, where 1,250,000 men have taken a strike vote; in the airplane and automobile industries, where efforts are being made by certain employers to destroy the very life of the unions, and in the steel mills, where a stacking up of workers' grievances caused recent walkouts in South Chicago and other midwestern plants.

What is the solution for this situation? It will be agreed that such a solution is imperatively needed, and without further delay should be embarked upon.

That solution lies, first of all, in a strong stand by the government—not through legislation crippling the unions, which reactionaries are widely calling for, but in seeing that the workers' grievances are met promptly and fully by recalcitrant employing interests. Through such a stand, without hesitation or equivocation, the workers will not be compelled to resort to the strike.

The solution also involves the trade union leaders and requires that they rise to their responsibilities. They can only meet the entire series of knotty problems which defense brings forward by establishing joint action between the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods. UNITY in working out the difficulties confronting them and the union members now becomes absolutely essential.

The trade union leadership can discharge its responsibilities to the nation, furthermore, by refusing to be enmeshed in provocation, injurious to the nation and the unions. That leadership has a duty to refuse to follow the tactics of John L. Lewis.

If labor will resist provocation and if the government will take a firm stand by bringing pressure on the employing interests to meet the workers' just demands, then that road will be followed which will lead to the advancement of national defense.

## President Proposes New Plan To Settle Coal Mine Walkout

### Lewis and Taylor Join in White House Conference

#### ACTS AFTER PARLEY

### Urges Work Resumption Pending Decision of Mediation Board

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—After a White House conference with John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and Myron Taylor of U. S. Steel, President Roosevelt today proposed a new formula for settling the strike of 53,000 miners at steel company-owned mines.

Lewis announced that he would call a meeting of district representatives of the UMW in affected areas for tomorrow morning to consider the President's plan.

The President proposed that the mines open at once and that the National Defense Mediation Board proceed to immediate consideration of the closed shop issue in dispute, with neither party being committed in advance to acceptance of the board's recommendation.

Details of the plan were contained in the following letter which the President sent to William H. Davis, chairman of the Mediation Board:

"I have asked the United States Steel Corp. and the United Mine Workers of America, if they will immediately reopen the mines, on the understanding that the National Defense Mediation Board will proceed full session to consider the merits of the dispute and make its final recommendations. It is understood that neither party is committed in advance to the acceptance of the final recommendations."

"You have informed me that the full board is meeting on Friday, and will be prepared to consider the matter continuously until it makes its final recommendations."

Many observers here believed that the President's proposal had opened the way towards a speedy settlement of the crucially important captive mine strike.

The Mediation Board has granted the mine union a closed shop in all bituminous coal fields, and there were reports that it would recommend a similar arrangement as demanded by the miners in the captive mines.

CRACK DOWN AT BENDIX

At the same time Assistant Secretary of War Robert Patterson cracked down belatedly on Air Associates, Inc., which had three times defied decisions of the Mediation Board.

In an implied rebuke to the company, Patterson announced here that he had ordered an Army official to proceed to the plant at Bendix.

## America No Longer Neutral, Says Mayor

### Tammany Has No Issue, He Tells Jammed Garment Rally

Mayor LaGuardia told a forum of the Advertising Club yesterday that the United States is now "unequivocally on the side of the powers fighting Nazism."

He addressed the Ad Club during a political campaign tour which included a street rally in the garment district.

More than 7,000 garment workers jammed 38th St. between 7th and 8th Avenues, giving the Mayor an enthusiastic reception.

The Mayor told the Ad Club men that the mere fact that Congress appropriated billions of dollars to aid the allies and bolster U. S. military defense and its passage of the Selective Service law is an "indication of the seriousness of the emergency."

#### NO LONGER NEUTRAL

"This country is now unequivocally on the side of the powers fighting Nazism," he declared. "We are no longer neutral. We have taken sides."

His words were a stinging rebuke to the Flynn-Kelly-Sullivan Tammany leadership, appeasers, who are backing Judge William O'Dwyer as machine candidate for Mayor.

Speaking further on war in Europe, LaGuardia said:

"Insofar as the war is concerned, we know Hitler cannot win. If we can deliver this material where it will do the most good Hitler will not be able to go through a second winter."

He said he was calling on the "greatest minds of the city" to aid him work out post-war reconstruction plans.

"I will appear before Congress within a few days to present a public works plan to take care of the unemployed," he said.

#### LASHES TAMMANY

LaGuardia lashed at the Tammany machine on the issues of the mayoralty campaign.

"The purpose of a political campaign," he said, "is to create issues and present a program. Up to date the opposition hasn't raised a single constructive issue on municipal government."

"Not one solitary good reason has been presented to justify a change in government. The issue is whether you want non-political, efficient municipal government, or whether you want to return the city to the political bosses of this town—Flynn, Sullivan and Kelly."

"The city cannot afford it. I don't want to have to come back in four



Red Army Hero: Crawling on hands and knees, a Red Army orderly, Zalman Grinker (left) carries a wounded warrior off the battlefield while comrades hold off the German foe. Grinker is credited with saving 72 wounded soldiers in this manner. This photo was presented by Soviet Premier Josef Stalin to Lord Beaverbrook, British delegate to the Moscow parley.

## Declare War Now, Seamen's Paper Urges

### NMU 'Pilot' Calls on U.S. to Make 'Unofficial' War 'Official'

In an editorial written in realistic and uncompromising terms, "The Pilot," official organ of the CIO National Maritime Union which will appear tomorrow, declares:

"We are 'unofficially' at war with Germany. Why not make it official?"

A declaration of war, the editorial says, "would multiply American war production, now lagging because we haven't sincerely put our shoulders to the wheel."

"We think a declaration of war against the foremost enemy of trade unionism would inspire American workers to surpass all previous efforts. It would likewise inspire all honest American employers, whose Number One enemy is also Hitlerism, to place less emphasis on profits and more emphasis on production for the common good."

THE EDITORIAL

The editorial, in full, reads: "We have just negotiated another two-year agreement with the shipowners—the best agreement we have ever obtained."

"There is an unwritten clause hanging over this new agreement, however, which is far more important than any of our gains, or the agreement itself. Whether or not the contract with the shipowners will continue for two years, or two months—or be wiped out completely—depends upon the ability of the Red Army, Great Britain and the United States to exterminate Hitlerism from the face of the earth."

"There are no union agreements in a fascist world. Our underground union friends in France, Germany, Norway, Belgium and Holland can attest to that."

"In his Navy Day speech to the

## Vichy Reports Chile Protest On Executions

VICHY, Oct. 29 (UP).—The French press gave prominence today to a dispatch from Santiago, Chile, reporting the Chilean government's protest to Berlin against the proposed executions. Newspapers carried no editorial comment on the Chilean action.

Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, conferred today with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain and Monsignor Valerio Vallet, Papal Nuncio to France.

They will return to Paris and then go to the Vatican to attend a secret consistory.

Before Petain met with the Catholic representatives he held an important ministerial consultation with several Cabinet ministers.

Meanwhile, the French national radio broadcast a denial that the Vatican had directly intervened to save 100 German hostages at Nantes and Bordeaux.

#### Nazis Raid Cloister

### Seize Property at Monastery 'Of Franciscan Order'

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—In another blow at the Roman Catholic faith here, Nazi authorities have confiscated typing and other office apparatus which was the property of the Paderborn monastery of the Franciscan order, the Official Gazette announced today.

Although specific reasons for the act were not given, it is common knowledge that sermons by the Catholic clergy criticizing Nazi activities have been duplicated and distributed in various parts of Germany, especially in Westphalia where Paderborn is located.

## Army Officer Sent to Enforce Bendix Terms

### Action Follows Meeting Between Frankenstein and President

On intervention of President Roosevelt the government will send an Army major to the plant of Air Associates Inc., Bendix, N. J., this morning, to enforce the strike settlement terms of the National Defense Mediation Board, Richard Frankenstein, national director of aviation, United Automobile Workers, CIO, announced.

Frankenstein also revealed that the President invited him to a conference today at the White House. He said he did not know what the subject of the conference with Mr. Roosevelt would be, but presumed it is in on labor relations in the aviation industry generally.

The move to enforce a settlement in the Air Associates plant came as a result of a conference yesterday morning, Frankenstein said, which included the President, OPM Director William Knudsen; Associate OPM Director Sidney Hillman; Chairman William H. Davis of the Mediation Board, and Frank Graham, chairman of the Air Associates panel of the board.

The meeting and decision came less than a day after Frankenstein's wire to the President sharply rebuking F. LeRoy Hill, president of the company for sabotaging the settlement terms and defense production. The wire called for enforcement of the board's decision, warning that failure to do so would force the union to use "large scale economic strength" to protect its members from discrimination.

Asked if the latest action alters his statement a day earlier ex-

## Attlee Warns of Minimizing Hitler Peril to World at I. L. O. Convention

By Beth McHenry

Clement R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and special representative of the British Government to the International Labor Organization conference, now in session at Columbia University, warned delegates to that body yesterday not to be deceived as to the "magnitude and scope" of the Hitler menace.

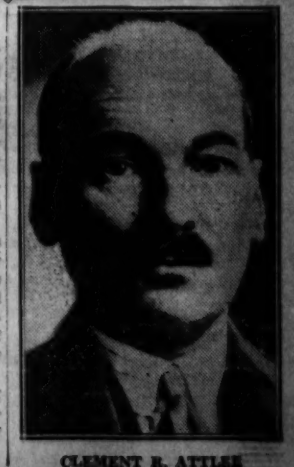
"Let no one be deceived as to the magnitude and scope of the danger that threatens our civilization," Mr. Attlee declared. "Hitler's new order is only a phrase for the enslavement and exploitation of mankind in the interests of a gang of ruffians."

A reference made by Attlee to the brave defense of the Russian people was applauded by the conference, as indeed any reference to the Soviet Union and its heroic struggle for world freedom from Hitler is invariably applauded. The British government representative

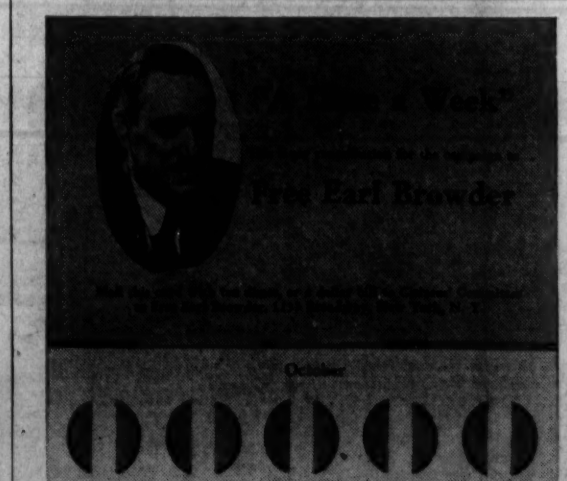
placed particular stress upon labor's stake in the fight against Nazism.

"Organized labor in Britain has cooperated powerfully in the war effort," he said. "It has made many sacrifices for the cause. All trade unionists know from long experience that the destruction of their movement in any one country is an injury to all."

Attlee's address, like the other speeches and reports to the conference, concerned itself mostly



CLEMENT R. ATTLEE



To Free Earl Browder: "Dime a Week Club" has been formed throughout the country to raise funds for the work of the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder. Above is reproduced a replica of the dime cards now being circulated by the committee. All the dimes will go directly into the campaign for the release of the imprisoned Communist leader.

## Expect Capitol Settlement Bid On Robins Strike

A proposal to make possible resumption of work at the Robins Drydock and Repair Co. yards, pending further consideration of disputed issues by the National Defense Mediation Board, is expected to come from Washington today.

Six thousand workers of the yards located at foot of Dwight St., Erie Basin, Brooklyn, have been on strike since Monday demanding that wage increases to which the company agreed, should begin immediately pending final disposition of several disputed issues.

# Curran Hails Soviet People On 24th Year of Revolution

Defending Freedom, He Cables; Says Americans Pledged for All Aid

Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, CIO, in a wire to the Soviet people on the occasion of the 24th anniversary of the October Revolution, yesterday warmly greeted the "heroic Red Army and all the valiant defenders of freedom and democracy."

Mr. Curran's greeting was in response to a request by Tass, Soviet News Agency, which asked for a statement to be published in the press of the Soviet Union.

The text of the CIO leader's greeting follows:

"Had the leading statesmen of the democracies of Europe and America not been asleep when the Soviet Union cried aloud for collective security against fascism; had the democracies been awake when Hitler and Mussolini carried on their rape of Spain and Ethiopia while the Soviet Union warned the nations of the world that unless they stopped the fascists then and there assisted the people of Spain and Ethiopia against these forces which the

Soviet Union knew would eventually seek to engulf the world, this present struggle with its accompanying toll of death and destruction to untold millions would not have come to pass.

"But it has. Therefore, all those who love liberty and democracy must give their full and unqualified support to the administration policy of all material aid to the USSR which is today fighting the battle of all the peoples of the world against the fascist hordes.

"The only way that the American people will keep Hitler from our shores is by giving every possible aid immediately to the heroic Red Army and all the valiant de-



JOSEPH CURRAN

defenders of freedom and democracy. To this end the workers of America have pledged themselves."

## Everything for the Front, Is Soviet Anniversary Plea

Whole Nation Merged in Mighty Effort to Crush Nazis As 24th Year of Revolution Nears; Pravda Spurs Efforts

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Oct. 29.—From all parts of the Soviet Union information is coming in about the tremendous sweep of pre-October Socialist emulation at enterprises and in collective and State farms. This emulation is carried out under the patriotic slogan of meeting the anniversary of the October Revolution with increased aid to the front.

"Every year the working people of the Soviet country marked the October celebra-

tions by giving presents to their Fatherland. By their new achievements they strengthened the Fatherland," writes Pravda in its editorial published yesterday. "Now, imminent danger hangs over all that was created and possessed by the Soviet people. The rabid Hitlerite pack is encroaching on the gains of the working people of the Soviet country. Millions of Soviet people are groaning under the fascist heel in the districts of the Soviet land temporarily occupied by the fascist invaders and plundered by them.

"The enemy is trying to reach Moscow. He wants to drown in blood the Soviet capital, its streets and squares, along which, on days of national holidays, streams of happy people are headed for the Red Square, to the Kremlin, to the Lenin Mausoleum.

**THIS SHALL NEVER BE**  
"But this shall never be. The fascist vultures shall never overshadow the rays of sun, shall never extinguish the eternal flow of the Kremlin stars.

"In the heavy fighting on the distant approaches to Moscow, at the gates of the Crimea, in the steppes of Rostov, on the roads to the Donbas, the Red Army is defending the gains of the October Revolution, defending the freedom, honor and independence of the Fatherland. No sacrifices, no difficulties and deprivations can or will deter us in the struggle against the German fascist hordes and enslavers. The whole people of the country are rising to assist the Red Army," continues Pravda.

Citing the example of the excellent work of the Leningrad Stakhanovites, Pravda appealed for workers to emulate the Leningrad Stakhanovites in order to ensure the Red Army far larger supplies of arms and munitions. Hence the best present that could be given to the Fatherland on the 24th anniversary of the October Revolution would be the over-fulfillment of the production program by all the working men and women.

Pravda then cites the examples of how collective farms which fulfilled all State obligations have started to lay aside reserve supplies for the Red Army, how many thousands of collective farms are selling surplus grain to the State and contributing grain, meat and wool to the defense fund.

In the countryside the pre-October Socialist emulation was carried under the slogan of giving the country maximum provisions and thus helping the Red Army destroy the enemy.

In conclusion, Pravda writes: "As a result of this Socialist emulation the Soviet people should be able to say on the day of the 24th anniversary of the October Revolution: 'I am doing everything possible for the Red Army. I am doing everything possible for the Fatherland's defense.'"

"Through the joint efforts of the Red Army and the whole people we will check the enemy, we will bar his path and crush the fascist reptile."

**U.S. Flier Dies in London**

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced today that Pilot Officer James Corbett, 23, Jacksonville, Fla., was killed Monday afternoon in a flying accident.

## USSR Gets First Call On All U.S. Planes, Guns

Report Transfer of Ship to Soviets Under Lend-Lease Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The Soviet Union has first call today on planes, tanks and guns ordered originally for the U. S. Army.

The army will have to relinquish claims for prior delivery on much of this equipment so there will be no delay in carrying forward the Soviet-aid program, authoritative sources said.

Some officials believed that so far as aircraft is concerned, the new procedure may delay the equipment for the 84 combat groups proposed for the Army Air Force. However, they said it would not hamper the training of personnel.

Although no official disclosure has been made of the details of the Soviet-aid program developed at the recent Moscow conference of Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States, defense officials said these were among the general understandings:

Britain will contribute a share of its own arms production to the USSR.

That it will be on "open end" program, making it possible for the Soviets to augment the list of their present requirements.

There is a chance that some of the new \$5,385,000,000 lend-lease funds may be used to help the Soviets, an official said, emphasizing, however, that Mr. Roosevelt has not yet made such a determination. The new lend-lease appropriation bill was signed yesterday by President Roosevelt.

### REPORT SOVIETS GET AMERICAN FREIGHTER

Transfer of a U. S. Maritime Commission freighter, Mount Evans, 6,287 tons, to the Soviet Union under the Lend-Lease plan was reported yesterday.

The Maritime Commission, however, denied that vessel, which is now lying in drydock in Boston, had been turned over. The Mount Evans had been in extensive use in South American trade by the Moore-McCormack line. The report said that when the ship had undergone necessary repairs she would fly the Soviet flag.

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preising mistrust in the board, Frankenstein replied: "I can only say that I think it strengthens the position of the board."

He said the union scored a "justifiable victory" because "it stood on a firm principle" and because "no individual could dispute the logic and fairness of our position."

**REMOVE PICKETS**  
He said the striking local has removed its pickets from the Bendix plant and asked the workers to return this morning without "bitterness or vindictiveness."

"We're going in to try to cooperate to the end that there could be an amicable relationship," he continued.

"It will meet us half way there will be no trouble."

On three occasions the NDME made settlement recommendations in the dispute which dates from early July. On each occasion the union accepted the terms while Hill turned them down. The latest settlement was made last Friday in the office of the War Department. It provided for "immediate reinstatement" of all strikers to their "former positions." It further provided for resumption of negotiations for a contract.

When the strikers reported at the plant Monday, Hill confronted them with statements to sign, declaring that they are reinstated as of that day, but will stay out of the plant until called.

Declaring that this was an obvious effort to keep the union out of the plant and give the strikebreakers preference, the union resumed the strike.

"Our union has always cooperated completely with the Mediation Board in settling our problems peacefully in order to speed defense production," said Frankenstein in his comment on the settlement.

"The Board has become ineffective because its recommendation was backed up by the power of government and force of public opinion. The management of Air Associates had defied every agency of the government and had flouted decent public opinion. If they had gotten away with this then the Mediation Board would have lost its effectiveness and the workers would not have waited for it to act."



**Armored Train to the Front:** This picture shows a Soviet armored train moving towards the front line, a heavy gun ready for action and a Soviet operator of anti-aircraft pompons scanning the sky for hostile aircraft.

## Pack Garden Rally Sunday, Foster Calls

Communist Leader Says Turnout Will Show Solidarity With USSR

New Yorkers will demonstrate their solidarity with the people of the Soviet Union "on the most critical anniversary in the history of the Soviet Republic" next Sunday, William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, said yesterday in urging all-out support of the Madison Square Garden meeting.

The rally, which will begin at 1 P.M. sharp, will jointly mark the 24th Anniversary of the October Socialist Revolution and the final election rally for the Communist candidates in the New York City elections.

Commenting on the significance of the meeting, Foster, who with Robert Minor, acting Communist Party general secretary, will be the main speaker, said:

### CRITICAL PERIOD

"At this critical period in the life of the Soviet Union, the coming anniversary celebration in the Garden should be the biggest our Party has ever held.

"The great meeting last Monday night, sponsored by Russian War Relief, Inc., gave resounding proof of the rising sentiment developing among all sections of the American people for support of the Soviet Union. It showed that the American people understand fully that the Red Army is defending America as well as the USSR.

Of next Sunday's meeting Foster said:

"It will serve also to mobilize the people of New York against local appeasers—Tammany, its spokesmen O'Dwyer and the forces of potential Quislings which are grouping around him in the coming elections.

"The people need only to be made fully aware that the election of O'Dwyer would be a blow to the whole struggle against Hitlerism.

"Proof of the national importance of this city election," Foster said, "is the fact that President Roosevelt has endorsed Mayor LaGuardia for reelection. This is the real significance of the Roosevelt endorsement of LaGuardia at a time when the President's interest is absorbed in the defense of America against Hitlerism."

Others who will speak with Foster and Minor at the rally are Israel Amter, who will act as chairman; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, now secretary of the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder; James W. Ford; Peter V. Cacchione, now waging an all-out campaign for City Council in Brooklyn; and John Gates, New York State Young Communist leader.

Tickets for the rally are on sale at Worker Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St. The prices are 22, 44, 55 and 83 cents.

## 'Fiesta for Victory' At Irving Plaza Saturday

A "Fiesta for Victory" featuring the unity of all nations fighting Hitlerism will be held Saturday night at the Irving Plaza, Irving Pl. and 15th St.

The Fiesta is sponsored by the Greenwich Village Council of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, the proceeds to go toward rescuing anti-fascist refugees from France and North Africa.

Russian, Hungarian and Spanish folk dancers will be presented. The American People's Chorus will sing and Richard Dyer-Bennett, international minstrel, now appearing at the Le Ruban Bleu, will entertain. Dance music will be provided by the Dukes of Iron and the Trinidad Calypso Troubadours.

## On the War Fronts

(AS OF OCTOBER 28th)

BY A VETERAN COMMANDER

The appearance of the place-name "Volokolamsk" in the war dispatches was marked in the headlines and sub-heads as the "opening of a new salient on the Moscow front." Nothing could be further from the truth.

Volokolamsk lies on a perfectly straight line drawn from Kalinin to Moshak. This line forms the chord of an arc—Kalinin-Rzhev-Gzhatsk-Moshak—which USED to be the front line until the Soviet High Command decided to withdraw its troops from a useless and dangerous salient and pull them back on Volokolamsk (the reader may remember that we mentioned several times of late the absence of bulges and pockets on the Moscow front). Volokolamsk appeared in the dispatches not because it is a NEW salient, but because the Germans after a week or so decided to probe here for an opening and attacked. Volokolamsk has no other meaning than that.

The position at Moscow seems to be improving. The Kharkov sector seems stable for the time being and the line from here to Rostov remains quite straight. This is of paramount importance, because it shows that the resistance of the Red Army remains so powerful that the Germans simply are not strong enough to effect a breakthrough of strategic dimensions. The tactical breakthroughs they make are plugged unflinchingly by small but powerful pinching-off maneuvers.

The Germans seem to be making another try at the Crimea. So far no definite news has come from that sector of the front. Up north one is surprised at the failure of the Germans to exploit their capture of the Island of Dagö by action in the Baltic against Kronstadt. It makes one suspect that maybe the announcement did not correspond to reality.

A very interesting admission by the Germans is flashed to us from Vichy, whence G. H. Archambault cables to the New York Times:

"On the 126th day of the war in Russia news reached here from Berlin that 'the desperate resistance of the Reds calls for maximum efforts on the part of the German armies.' But what about the four successive announcements that the 'Bolshevik armies have been hopelessly shattered' and were not in a condition to offer further resistance?"

Archambault further says (obviously inspired by the Germans themselves):

"Competent neutral observers here point to the fact that the two main elements in the situation remained unchanged: First, the German armies still progress, although at a slower rate each week; second, the Russians still resist—apparently with the same stubbornness as ever before, falling back on new positions, while the invaders' lines of communications grow longer."

We might say that we agree with the worthy Monsieur Archambault. We would only remark that he seems to have forgotten the losses sustained by the Germans. This makes the German lines grow not only LONGER, but THINNER.

The British have hinted that their aerial forays over the continent have drawn almost half of the Luftwaffe away from the Eastern front. This is committal. Just look at the losses over the Western "front" and you will see. Anglo-German air losses in the west are only a fraction of Soviet-German losses in the east. The statement is an attempt at face-saving.

## U.S. Will Not Reveal Sinking Of Nazi Subs

Knox Says Navy Pursues Same Policy As British Fleet

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The U. S. Navy probably will not announce sinkings of any German submarines destroyed by American forces, according to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox who explained the British pursue such a policy to damage morale of the German Navy.

Knox said today that any clashes between the U. S. Fleet and German surface raiders will be made public, however.

But, as for announcing U-boat sinkings, he told a press conference the Navy would be guided "as any other belligerent" and by what is best for the safety of the Fleet and American interests.

He made the observation when asked about rumors that the U. S. Navy already has sunk submarines in the North Atlantic.

Knox said he had "no comment" when asked specifically about reports that the Navy has sunk three submarines. He added that there were a "lot of indications" that submarines are working in the South Atlantic in the Dakar (French West Africa) area, but that he was unable to say whether they were based at Dakar proper.

### Equador Train Tragedy

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Oct. 29 (UP).—A railway locomotive hauling flatcars carrying 280 workers plunged into Salado Estuary today when a bridge collapsed.

## Argentina Intensifies Aid to Soviet Union

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 29.—The present, fierce Nazi attacks upon the Soviet Union have again served to redouble Argentine efforts of aid and solidarity with the Soviet Union, and the allied countries.

The number of solidarity committees throughout the country have increased and collections of money, clothing and other materials have broadened and mounted.

For example, 17 workers in Pityro collected \$750. The workers of Chascomus donated eight days work toward the fund for aid to the people of the USSR.

**TRADESMEN PROVIDE FURS**  
The tradesmen of Cordova have agreed to prepare furs for warm clothing for the Soviet soldiers.

Several workers' leaders, student youth and democratic forces have asked for long term loans with the aim of sending the greatest possible

## Melbourne Paper Says U.S. Already At War

MELBOURNE, Oct. 29 (UP).—Melbourne newspapers today interpreted President Roosevelt's Monday night speech as meaning the United States is at war.

The Melbourne Age said the speech had only one logical sequence—"full participation in the war. If words are to mean anything, it is no longer possible for America to remain even nominally neutral."

"The Melbourne Herald said that 'while Congress still discusses the nature of America's neutrality, America is at war.'"

## RAF Batters Nazi Bases Despite Gale

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—Four-motored British bombers flew into the teeth of a northern gale and raided objectives in southern and southwestern Germany Tuesday night while American-built fighters battered German airfields in northern France, the Air Ministry said today.

A communiqué said all British planes returned safely.

The raids, the Ministry said, carried planes of the bomber command "far into Germany" in attacks on military objectives. Docks at Cherbourg, on the French coast, also were bombed.

Havoc (American Douglas DB-7's) planes of the fighter command carried out offensive sweeps over occupied France. The twin-engine combination night fighter and bomber planes swooped down three times in two hours on an airfield near Abbeville and dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs. The Ministry said six fires were started there.

## Report Japan Pouring Troops Into Indo-China

SHANGHAI, Thursday, Oct. 30 (UP).—An average of 1,000 Japanese troops a day are being landed at Haiphong, French Indo-China, military intelligence reports said today, amid increasing indications of an imminent Japanese campaign against China's Yunnan province or Thailand.



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## Living Cost Talks Win Pay Rise For Local 3

Seattle Mayor Hopes to Settle Welder Strike; Other Walkouts Called

An amicable discussion about the increased cost of living between representatives of the Habirshaw Wire and Cable Company, and officials of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3 resulted yesterday in an annual agreement for a 10 percent wage increase of 175,000.

More than 1,200 workers, working forty hours a week plus overtime will receive an increase of five cents an hour.

**SEATTLE MAYOR HOPES TO SETTLE WELDING STRIKE**  
SEATTLE, Oct. 29 (UP).—Mayor Earl Millikin predicted today, after welders had rejected a government demand that they return to work, that their jurisdictional strike will be settled within 48 hours.

The strike, involving 2,000 welders who have quit the AFL to form an unaffiliated body in protest against the AFL policy of distributing their membership through several unions, has threatened \$1,250,000 of defense shipbuilding.

**AUTO UNION STRIKE HALTS ARMS OUTPUT**  
DETROIT, Oct. 29 (UP).—Production of machine guns at the Kelley-Hayes Wheel Co. plant in Plymouth was halted today by a strike of 1,450 United Automobile Workers (CIO).

The strikers demanded a 25-cent hourly wage increase and discontinuance of a management policy whereby women are reportedly hired to replace men at lower wages.

**BAY CITY, Mich., Oct. 29 (UP).**—A strike at the Defoe Boat & Motor Works today halted construction on \$25,000,000 in Navy defense orders for submarine chasers, mine sweepers and tugs.

Representatives of the company and the Industrial and Marine Shipbuilders Union (CIO) signed a contract two weeks ago but the 1,300 members of the union refused to ratify it last Friday because it did not provide for a closed shop.

**YCL Fur Branches Hold Poll Rally Tonight**

The fur branches of the Young Communist League are holding a windup election rally tonight at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and Eighth Ave., which will be addressed by Mike Saunders, state administrative secretary of the YCL.

Other speakers will include workers from the fur industry. Admission is ten cents. The meeting will begin at seven P. M.

## Civil Service Group Formed To Aid Allen

Committee Stresses Need for Council Election of ALP Candidate

Formation of an independent civil service committee for Daniel Allen, American Labor Party candidate for City Council from Brooklyn, was announced last night by its chairman, Dr. Julius Belinkoff, assistant pathologist, Department of Hospitals.

Charles G. LeVita, of the Department of Finance, is secretary. Although Allen is a CIO official—he is secretary-treasurer of the State, County and Municipal Workers, New York district—the committee is composed of both union and non-union civil service workers, Dr. Belinkoff said.

The committee is mailing an open letter to more than 50,000 city employees in Brooklyn asking that they vote for Allen.

"It is high time," the letter states, "that city employees were directly represented in the City Council by someone who understands their needs and will battle courageously for them."

"Unlike workers in private industry, we have received no wage increases to meet the steadily rising cost of living. The sudden rise in living costs represents for us a cut in wages, a cut in our standard of living."

Endorsed by the CIO, Allen is considered by political observers an excellent chance of election, as is Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist candidate for the Council.

**Electrical Union Gets 1st Shop in N. Hampshire**

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
NASHUA, N. H., Oct. 29.—By voting to be represented by Local 273 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, employees of International Paper Box Co. here have become the first UE shop in New Hampshire.

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**ALP Candidate: City Council Candidate Daniel Allen**  
Committee for the Election of Allen at a Brooklyn election rally. Allen is District secretary-treasurer of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America.

## Browder Conference To Be Held Saturday

Osmond Fraenkel, Labor, Civic Heads to Address City Parley

Osmond K. Fraenkel, nationally-known constitutional lawyer, will address the Greater New York City Conference on the Browder case this Saturday afternoon, where leaders of trade unions and various professions will gather to discuss the issues involved in the imprisonment of the anti-fascist leader in Atlanta Penitentiary.

The conference called by a group of prominent New York citizens will be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 252 W. 73rd St., 2 P. M. sharp, Saturday, Nov. 1.

Dr. Harry F. Ward and Prof. Dorothy Brewster as well as other speakers will be announced tomorrow. With Osmond K. Fraenkel, go into the various aspects of the case and discuss the initiation of a New York City campaign for Browder's freedom.

The call for the Saturday conference, signed by Arthur Upham Pope, Darwin J. Meserole, Rev. William B. Spofford, Lewis Merrill, Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Dr. Max Yergan, Art Young and others stated that all interested in the preservation of civil liberties in the country are concerned with the unusual long sentence given Browder on a technical violation of a passport regulation.

The call inviting trade union leaders and other prominent individuals declared that "we believe that the release of Earl Browder will strengthen the conviction of the American people that democracy and justice are living realities."

In Leipzig both Amter and Sadie became active members of the Social Democratic Party of Germany. The Amters returned to the United States in 1914 and settled in the Bronx. He became a member of the Lower Bronx branch of the Party, almost promptly became its leader. He took an active part in the development of the Party's left wing which grew into the Communist Party. He was elected a delegate to the founding convention of the Communist Party, but he didn't attend. "I had a family to support and couldn't leave," he explains.

In 1920, when the young Party was forced underground, Amter became its first sub-district organizer in New York.

From 1925 to 1929 Amter served as the Ohio State Secretary of the Communist Party. They were difficult years. America was heading dizzily into the great crash and crisis, and the Communist Party was torn with the alien force of Lovestonism disrupting its ranks. In those days Amter for long stretches of time slept only every other night, putting in 24 and 30 hour stints at a time.

**MARCH 6, 1930**

At the end of 1929 Amter again became the Party organizer in New York. Then came one of the great dates in modern American history: March 6, 1930. Under Communist leadership, 110,000 workers assembled in Union Square in the greatest unemployment demonstration of all time.

Tammany was in the saddle then. A tin box was mayor and a garden was the chief of police. The demonstrators were clubbed and blood ran. Amter, William Z. Foster, Robert Minor and Harry Raymond were arrested as leaders of the demonstration, charged with "inciting to riot" and sentenced to jail. Amter served six months, part of it on Welfare Island, the remainder on Harts Island, before he was paroled.

One thing impressed Amter about

the length of a day. "Think how fast the past six months have flown by," he said. "That's because we're outside. Inside, they're like six years. And Browder's been in just about six months now."

After his sentence, Amter became head of the National Unemployment Councils at which post he remained until 1935. During those years he led a movement which completely revised and reshaped the American government attitude to the problem of unemployment and which established for the first time the principle that the matter of joblessness is a matter of public concern.

In 1935 Amter again became Communist Party organizer for New York and since 1936 has served as state chairman.

**ISSUES ELECTION PLEA**  
With the Communist municipal election drive drawing to a close, Amter says it has been "a different kind of a campaign this year. It has been less spectacular but it has been more thorough. We have conducted more direct canvassing, we have reached more individual voters."

"There have been two and one-half million pieces of literature distributed, not one of them wasted. There have been 40 radio broadcasts. There have been innumerable rallies and meetings."

"I am confident that there will be a big increase in our vote over 1938." Amter in that year received 106,000 votes for Congressman-at-Large.

Speaking of the candidacy of Peter V. Cacchione, running for the Council from Brooklyn, Amter says: "There is every sign that Pete will win."

But it's not over yet, he warns. "We've got to get out every vote. We've got to get the vote out early. And we've got to have watchers in every booth to guard that vote. From now till election day every one of us has to concentrate on the one big job of electing a progressive city administration."

## U.S. No Longer Neutral, Mayor Tells Ad Club

Tammany Has No Issue, He Tells Jammed Garment Rally

(Continued from Page 1)

years as a receiver or administrator."

He said he took over the government as a "receiver" when he first defeated the Tammany machine and was elected Mayor.

**HALTS GARMENT TRAFFIC**

When the Mayor arrived at the Garment District, the crowd jamming the street to hear him was so large that both motor and pedestrian traffic was at a standstill. He said he cut his speech short so the traffic could move.

He told the garment workers he came to their "block party" to show them he had kept the promises he made to them eight years ago.

"I want to look everyone in the eye and say I kept the faith," he said. "I told you I would improve conditions in the city and I have done it. Just look around you and see for yourself."

The Mayor repeated his pledge to "treat everyone alike" without regard to political and other considerations, saying:

"Under my administration all citizens have their rights."

He closed by declaring: "You can judge your friends by 20 and 25 years of service rather than by three weeks of talk and promises."

Overhead, as he spoke, a sky-writing airplane outlined a huge V, followed by three dots and a dash, symbol of the anti-Nazi victory slogan.

Yesterday LaGuardia received a cable from American Ambassador to London John C. Winant congratulating him on his speech on Monday before the delegates of the International Labor Office. The cable said:

"Thank you very much for what you said at the ILO meeting yesterday. It was very much appreciated."

Endorsement of LaGuardia was expressed in a posthumous note by the late Chief Justice Louis D. Brandeis. Brandeis expressed hope LaGuardia would be re-elected, contrary to statements he favored the election of O'Dwyer.

LaGuardia said the Brandeis letter "nails one of the most scurrilous and sacrilegious statements ever made in this campaign."

He said Monday had been a "regular field day in name-calling."

"They got their vocabulary from Berlin," he added.

**Submit Australia Budget**  
CANNBERRA, Australia, Oct. 29 (UP).—Australia's new budget, providing for increased taxes on personal and company incomes, was submitted to Parliament today. It calls for expenditures of \$974,000,000, of which \$884,000,000 will be for the cost of the war.

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## Parley Every 2 Years, AFL Electricians Vote

Local 3 Leads Progressives Against Bureaucratic Convention Rule; Green and Perkins to Address Sessions

By Carl Harris (Special to the Daily Worker)

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—Progressives foreshadowed major victories to come in this convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in winning a stipulation that conventions are to be held every two years instead of every four years.

The body voted 506 to 443 in favor of the change after a heated debate in which Local 3 of New York led the fight for the revision.

Considered as a first test of strength, the vote yesterday indicated that majority forces are lining up in favor of liberalizing the outmoded union constitution.

Local 3 was supported in this fight against old-line administration leaders by the Detroit, Seattle and Los Angeles delegations. The report of the Law Committee to "concur" in the proposed amendment to have two-year conventions was defeated by a standing vote of the delegates.

The move was a repudiation of many undemocratic practices which have marked the previous administrations of the IBEW. The convention, now in its third day here, is the first one to be held since 1928.

Many of the broad political issues facing this or any other labor convention in this war period have been shoved aside in favor of some of the inner union problems.

The convention is slated to discuss today the amendment submitted by Local 3 for changing the term of officers from four to two years. The incumbents are expected to battle this proposal just as fiercely as they fought the move to hold conventions more often.

With AFL President William Green and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins scheduled to speak here later in the week, the convention listened to speeches by the IBEW general counsel, Isaac Loeb Straus, and Gordon R. Clapp, general manager of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Clapp told the delegates that some 20,000 workers on the TVA

"are working miracles of speed and efficiency for the nation's defense." He described how the project is furnishing power for aluminum to build airplanes, for phosphorus for the War Department, for phosphates "for Britain's overburdened soil."

While the convention has indicated its full support for the defense

program of the Roosevelt Administration, there is a dearth of resolutions thus far introduced endorsing the various phases of this program.

The delegates are slated to act on a number of resolutions which have been presented condemning the CIO and one red-baiting resolution introduced by Local 26 of Washington, D. C.

**Passaic Election Rally To Be Held Tomorrow**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PASSAIC, N. J., Oct. 29.—Martha Stone, Communist Party candidate for Passaic County Assembly, will speak at an anti-Nazi election rally here Friday night at 8:30.

Miss Stone will also broadcast an election appeal Saturday afternoon at 3:45 over station WPAT. Manny Canor, Passaic and Trenton leader, will also speak at the election rally.

**Josh White to Feature Philadelphia Meeting**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—Josh White, noted Negro balladeer, who has been sent by the Columbia Broadcasting System to Mexico on a good-will tour, will be one of the headline performers at a big Smash Hitler rally here on Nov. 14.

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, and James W. Ford, noted Negro leader, will top the speakers list.

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## Councilman Amter--Fitting Tribute To a Life Devoted to the Common People

By Lawrence Emery

Israel Amter, Communist Party candidate for the City Council, is sure he's looking if he works less than sixteen hours a day. Conducting his election campaign, serving as New York State Chairman of the Communist Party, and an active member of the Party's National Committee, Amter would frequently forget to eat, would rarely sleep if his co-workers and his wife Sadie didn't remind him of these incidents.

To him the fight for progress is a full time job. Since his earliest youth he has streamlined his life, lopping off everything that did not contribute directly to his major purpose. He is a man without frills; his career is as straight and as sharp as a new arrow.

Modest to the point of shyness, he is reluctant to talk about himself. Presided he contributed these facts of his life but, sitting in his office on the fifth floor at 25 E. 12th St., he frequently veered off the subject of Amter and spoke of his co-workers, of Earl Browder, of the election campaign, of sidelights on the history of the Communist Party. Such things are his life.

Amter was born in Denver, Colo., on March 26, 1881. His father had been a farmer, his mother worked as a seamstress. He was educated in Denver's public schools, graduated from the East Denver High School in 1896, went to work after school and during vacations when he was 12 or ten years old.

**HIS EARLY STRUGGLES**

One of his first jobs was delivering newspapers on a pony. Rain, snow or highwater, young Amter made his rounds. Denver winters come cold; remembering them, Amter says of his first job: "It was no fun."

Later he worked as a packer in a wholesale cigar house and studied typing and shorthand, because, he says, he wanted to save his hands. His early ambition was to be a musician. There were always two pianos in the Amter house; with his

## Red Army Correspondents Report from the Fronts

# From Lake Ilmen to the South--The Furious Battles Rage

### Nazis 450 Yards Away--But Red Army Camouflage Hides All Movements

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

WITH THE RED ARMY AT THE FRONT, Oct. 29.—As we drew near the front lines all life and movement ceased. No traffic moved on the broad highway, no smoke curled from chimneys, no human was in sight and the country was as still as a cemetery.

The silence was highly deceptive, we learned later. Off the roads, concealed in the woods, Red Army forces were being carefully concentrated for a counter-move. But nothing could be seen nor heard. The preparation was as quiet and stealthy as the crouch of a leopard for a spring.

As we approached the town of M. where headquarters are established, we found the watchman's lodge reduced to a heap of rubble. We stop near it and a Red Army commander suddenly appears. He

waves his hands. "Get off the road!"

Later he explains. "The Germans are just across the river, less than 450 yards from here. They have the crossroads ahead under artillery and mine-thruster fire. Also the roads are mined. Be careful."

Nearby a Red Army infantry unit is being deployed to ford the stream. Red Army mine-thrusters are trained on the heights commanded by the Germans.

Suddenly a field kitchen, a huge truck, rolls in. We are reminded

that even in the midst of battle dinner is dinner. Army cooks work fast; they dish it out and run, but they're usually there when they're needed.

While the soldiers eat, an old man approaches Lieutenant Ramensk. "That's my house," he points to a dwelling in enemy territory. "My old woman and I have lived there for a long time. But don't be shy about it; aim right at it. It's full of Germans now. We'll build a new one later."

The Red Army and the people understand each other. Now the report comes in that the Nazis have entered the outskirts of town N. It's time to move. The mine-thrusters are given the command to fire at the heights. Artillery is ordered to lay a hurricane fire over the village. The infantry commander gets his order: "Occupy the opposite bank by morning."

Through the ranks of the men goes the word: "We'll be there." And they start to march.

### Soviet Artillery Batters Nazis At Lake Lake Ilmen; Repulse Offensives

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Oct. 29.—Particularly fierce fighting in the Lake Ilmen sector, where the Nazis launched offensives simultaneously with the attempt to break through to Moscow, is reported today in dispatches from the front which put German losses in the sector at more than 2,000 men and officers killed, wounded or captured in the last few days.

Considerable German forces have been concentrated in the area, including several units of SS divisions which have recently been remanned after their battering in August. In successful counter-attacks Red Army forces have compelled Nazi troops to withdraw from several towns and villages.

Particularly intensive battles are being fought by units under Commander Morozov.

Repeated offensives by constantly renewed German forces are being

successfully repulsed. Soviet artillery completely dispersed one column of Nazi reinforcements nearly a mile long. When the scattered officers and men were regrouped, Soviet batteries opened up again and annihilated the entire force.

The following day the offensive was resumed in a desperate effort to drive a wedge in Soviet lines, but concentrated fire from trenches and dugouts repelled the attacks with heavy losses.

In the district near village "S"

Soviet units encircled and wiped out a German battalion, defeating an attempt to cross the river. In another sector of the front the German command brought up several fresh units of the 32nd Infantry Division, an SS regiment and other forces for a powerful offensive. At the cost of heavy losses they made some headway, but Red Army troops reformed their lines and from new positions launched counter-attacks. More than 800 German soldiers and officers were killed and four guns, numerous mine-thrusters, machine guns and automatic rifles were taken. One fascist plane was shot down in the engagement.

In their retreat the Nazis did not have time even to bury their dead and carry off their wounded. The Germans burned at least 50 of their own casualties, dead and wounded alike, in one hut.

The battles in the sector are continuing.

### Counter-Attacks At Mozhaik Sector Retake Points, Inflict Huge Toll

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Oct. 29.—Successful counter-attacks in the Mozhaik sector and huge Nazi losses on other fronts during the past few days are reported today in the Soviet press.

One rifle unit in the Mozhaik sector recaptured strategic point B which had been in Nazi hands for several days, dispatches report.

Repeated Nazi efforts to break through to town N have been repulsed with heavy losses. In other parts of the sector Soviet troops are reported "successfully" counter-attacking the enemy and recapturing a number of inhabited points. The enemy is sustaining heavy losses in men and material.

Heavy fighting on a sector of the Southern Front disclosed two German divisions which forced River K. In the battle Soviet artillery destroyed 25 trucks of Nazi infantry reserves and two infantry regiments.

On the Western Front dispatches describe the destruction of 50 tanks, 200 trucks, six artillery emplacements and two infantry regiments by Soviet planes.

At Khar'kov the Nazis, bringing up fresh divisions, forced Soviet units to withdraw at certain points, but heavy fighting continues.

Nazi losses are reported as exceptionally heavy at Khar'kov and the battlefield is described as littered with disabled Nazi tanks and mechanized equipment. In one day recently German casualties mounted to 3,500 men and officers in this sector.

## Slow-Down Strikes Spread in Czechoslovakia, Berlin Admits

### Nine Executed For 'Treason and Sabotage'

#### HIMMLER IN PRAGUE

BERLIN, Oct. 29 (UP).—Heinrich Himmler, head of the Nazi Gestapo, arrived in Prague today for a brief visit about the time nine more Czechs were shot at Brno for "preparation for high treason and sabotage."

The military court at Brno, which condemned the nine, transferred eight more cases to the Gestapo. Those found "guilty" were shot immediately.

The official gazette in Berlin published a list given out by the Gestapo at Prague of a number of persons whose property was confiscated. They included the property of former Czechoslovak President Eduard Benes and his wife, Hana.

The Berlin radio was heard at New York issuing a warning to the Czech people, saying: "The reprisals taken by the Germans constitute a last warning to cease resistance." The speaker repeated charges made officially in Berlin a month ago that anti-German plots allegedly led by former Czech Premier Gen. Alois Elias and Mayor Klavka of Prague had been smashed, but that sabotage and slow-down strikes inspired by the British radio, had continued.

#### KILL YUGOSLAV FOR SINKING STEAMER

ROME, Oct. 29 (UP).—A Yugoslav citizen, Knezevic Milos, was executed today by a firing squad near Rome on charges of having sunk an Italian steamer with a time-bomb last February, it was announced today.

The announcement said he was sentenced by a special tribunal for state defense. Two of his accomplices, unnamed, were sentenced to 30 and 26 years, respectively.

#### FRENCH POLICE ARREST 28

VICHY, Oct. 29 (UP).—French police tonight were reported to have arrested 28 anti-Nazi agents in Abbeville and its suburbs, on the French occupied coast, and imprisoned them at Compiègne. Among those arrested were said to be several alleged Communist leaders of the lower Somme valley.

#### MURDER BELGIAN FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS

BERLIN, Oct. 29 (UP).—The newspaper Brüsseler Zeitung said today that the German military commander of the Mons area in Belgium announced that Emil Pucarte, a Belgian, had been shot by a firing squad for sabotage and illegal possession of firearms.

The official German news agency, DNB, said in a dispatch from Sofia that six anti-Nazi Bulgarians had been arrested in the village of Rustchuk on charges of organizing sabotage.

### Parley Today in Brooklyn Strike Of Beauticians

Predicting early settlement of the strike of Brooklyn's beauty parlor employees, Charles Di Neru, secretary-treasurer of Beauty Culturists, Local 7, CIO, announced yesterday that representatives of the Empire State Master Hairdressers Association would meet this morning with the union's negotiating committee at strike headquarters, President Chateau, President St. and Utica Ave., Brooklyn.

The Empire State Association threatens 500 of the 800 shops now on strike in Brooklyn. The strike involves 1,500 workers. The union's demands are for a minimum wage of \$17.50 for manicurists; a week's vacation with pay; and a nine-hour day, five days a week, with the working day ending no later than 8:30 P. M.

## Will Man the Ships, Curran Radios Allies

Over the short-wave lengths to the Soviet Union and Great Britain went the message yesterday from President Joseph Curran, of the CIO's National Maritime Union, that "American seamen are clamoring to sail American ships into the ports of our allies in the struggle against fascism."

The address which was delivered over WMCA on the British-American Ambulance Corps broadcast, informed the embattled Soviet and British people that "the American workers are determined to produce all the planes, tanks, guns and war materials necessary to complete annihilation of Hitler's armies," and that labor is pressing for "tanks for Russia" week here.

"American labor without exception now realizes that there can be no possible neutrality in the struggle between the forces of darkness, represented by Hitler's armies and the forces of freedom and liberty, represented by Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China," continued Curran.

**EAGER TO MAN SHIPS**  
"Seamen, workers and all citizens insist that our ships be armed and that they be free to go anywhere in the seven seas, to any port where war material can be shipped quickly to the fighting front. The mighty strength of the U.S. Navy must be mobilized to prevent Hitler from achieving his purpose of preventing aid from reaching our allies."

A touching demonstration of deeds behind his words, passed through Curran's speech as he addressed himself to members of his union, the men who manned the torpedoed S.S. Leigh, who he said, somewhere "on their way home" are listening to his broadcast.

"I want to assure you men that your brother members of the National Maritime Union are ready and eager to man ships flying the American flag which will deliver the goods to any point where they are needed and not be helpless as your ship was, but will shoot back if they see as much as a tip of the conning tower of a Nazi submarine," Curran declared.

Curran also described to his overseas audience the gigantic demonstration at Madison Square Park last Saturday where the voice of American workers for a Western front and a complete end to neutrality, was expressed.

He lauded the British people for their "tanks for Russia" week. "We in the American labor movement are doing everything in our power to have our government sponsor a similar move," he added. "We regard this action as particularly important at this time."

Citing the mounting production of war materials in this country, Curran said "every possible effort is being made by organized labor in America to avoid strikes and to have industrialists recognize labor's right so that strikes may be avoided."

As he concluded with high praise for the "matchless courage" of the British, Soviet and Chinese people, Curran expressed the hope "that the National Convention of the CIO next month will take the initiative in uniting all of the people of the United States behind President Roosevelt's policy of no compromise with Hitler."

### Uruguay Police Carry Out Anti-Nazi Raids

VILLA DEL SAUCE, Uruguay, Oct. 29 (UP).—Police carried out a series of raids on homes and offices of suspected agents today, seizing documents. The raids, ordered by the Congressional Committee investigating anti-Uruguayan activities, were on the offices of Ricardo Glocani and Edwin Lauterstein, and the home of Juan Schuster.

## Declare War Now, Seamen's Paper Urges

### NMU 'Pilot' Calls on U.S. to Make 'Unofficial' War 'Official'

(Continued from Page 1)

nation last Monday night President Roosevelt listed the names of American seamen who have been murdered by Hitler recently—seamen from eleven states. The President correctly pointed out that Hitler is trying to frighten America off the seven seas.

"In reply to Hitler's challenge, we have cleared our decks. We are 'unofficially' at war with Germany."

"For this reason we think the United States should declare war on Germany today, and, if Germany's ally, Japan, continues to intimidate American merchant shipping, we should declare war on Japan also. We should make this war OFFICIAL."

"The effect of an immediate declaration of war on Germany (or Japan, if necessary) would have the following definite advantages:

#### WOULD BOOST OUTPUT

"1. A declaration of war on Germany would multiply American war production, now lagging because we haven't sincerely put our shoulders to the wheel. We think a declaration of war against the foremost enemy of trade unionism would inspire American workmen to surpass all previous efforts. It would likewise inspire all honest American employers, whose Number One enemy is also Hitlerism, to place less emphasis on profits and more emphasis on production for the common good."

"2. With the United States in this war officially, all of Hitler's agents, now working day and night to destroy our morale and institutions, would soon be rounded up and imprisoned as traitors and spies."

"3. With Uncle Sam, symbol of freedom to millions of Europeans, in this war the conquered peoples of Europe would see and take heart again. They would increase their acts of sabotage, continue to make life miserable for their conquerors."

"4. With America in this war against Germany, many German people, now misled and deluded by Hitler's proud boasts of conquest



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Here are two of the six famous English war aviators who will instruct U.S. army pilots in some of the split-second tactics of modern aerial combat. Shown in New York are Group Captains Harry Broadhurst (top) and J. H. Nelson Boethman.

would soon become demoralized and panic-stricken. Hardly a German family who does not have a friend or relative in free America. Of all the nations on earth, Hitler would prefer to have them as an enemy than America."

"For these excellent reasons we think the United States should declare war on Germany today. American seamen are dying in an 'unofficial' war—their deaths must not be in vain. All America must join in this war until Hitlerism is vanquished from the face of the earth."

"Our future lives, our liberty and independence depends upon our ability to get in there now and defeat German fascism. Now is the time to declare war on Hitler. Today."

Vote 1 for the Communist candidate for City Council in your borough; No. 2 for the Labor candidates; No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and so on for other Labor and anti-Hitler, anti-Tammany candidates.

## FDR Proposes Mine Walkout Settlement

(Continued from Page 1)

dis, N. J., to supervise reinstatement of strikers.

Patterson declared in telegrams to both the company and the United Automobile Workers that strikers should be "immediately placed in the jobs which they formerly held regardless of the fact that new employees have been hired." Strikebreakers hired by the company are either to be given new jobs or fired.

It was reported earlier that OPM Director William Knudsen had delayed a settlement by backing the company's interpretation of the Mediation Board order to the effect that strikers did not need to be rehired immediately.

By insisting on enforcement of the Mediation Board's decision it was believed that Patterson had made an important contribution to the settlement of disputes in defense industries without strikes.

A number of labor leaders had complained that many companies had defied the board without any real crack-down by the Administration.

While Lewis' action in calling the strike played into the hands of the anti-labor crowd in Congress, one of the important excuses used by the United Mine Workers President for his action was the weak stand of the board in the captive mine situation as well as similar cases.

**LEWIS SEES TAYLOR**  
Prior to the meeting with the President, Lewis and Taylor conferred all morning at Washington. They then proceeded to the White House.

The important difference between the President's formula and earlier recommendations made by the Mediation Board was that under the new plan neither party will be committed to accepting the final recommendations.

The board panel which considered the captive situation made no final determination on the closed shop issue, but proposed two alternative methods for settling the dispute: First, consideration of the issue by the full board with the understanding the board's decision would be final.

Second, consideration of the issue by a committee joint board composed equally of operators and miners, with a jointly chosen arbitrator to make a final decision if the operator-miners board could not agree.

Most of the leading steel companies, including United States Steel, Bethlehem and Republic, informed the board that they favored the first alternative, while Weirton Steel and Wheeling Steel said that they preferred the second.

With the exception that the decision would not be final, the President's proposal was similar to the Mediation Board's first recommendation.

**KNOX LAUDS WORKERS**  
Earlier in the day, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox praised the "inspiring" patriotism and enthusiasm of the workers in the armament factories of Detroit in a statement which contrasted with the new flurry of labor-baiting on Capitol Hill.

Following an inspection trip of Naval Ordnance Plants in Detroit, Knox told a press conference here that the "men you meet in the factories are no different than men in the fields or on the ships. They're good Americans."

He added that the average patriotism of the 53,000 coal miners in the captive mines which are now on strike "is just as good as yours or mine."

"There are labor troubles, of course," Knox said, "but they have been magnified out of all proportions. All you have to do

is convince the men that this is a real thing, that the danger is actual, and you can count on them. No doubt about that."

## Council Asked To Curb Rise In Milk Prices

A resolution calling for the preparation of legislation to curb the rising price of milk was introduced in the City Council yesterday by Councilman Robert K. Straus, Fusionist.

Straus pointed out that the report of Mayor LaGuardia's Milk Committee, of which Straus is a member, is now available and includes the recommendation of the establishment of milk depots, preferably by private enterprise, which will make it possible to sell all year around for 10 cents a quart.

"New York consumes 3,100,000 quarts a day. It is of vital importance to the health and welfare of the city that this enormous consumption of milk be priced as low as possible. The recent wage increase does not justify the increased prices asked by the milk companies and the Council can deal effectively with the situation if it has the courage to do so," Straus said.

Another resolution, calling on the Council to appoint a committee "to cooperate with city, state and federal agencies and the public generally in an investigation of rising prices and their causes and in exposure of war-profiteering in the necessities of life," was introduced.

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## Polish World War Vets Endorse FDR Policies, Stress Aiding Allies

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Oct. 29.—Polish war veterans of the last war who served in U.S. armed forces, in convention at Hamtramck have fully endorsed President Roosevelt's foreign policy and urged quick aid to Great Britain, the Soviet Union and all nations fighting Hitler. The Polish veterans urged the Administration to take all necessary steps to guarantee safe arrival of war shipments by making the necessary changes in the nation's neutrality status.

## Knox Greets Slav Meeting; Gets Message Backing FDR

Sec'y of Navy Tells Michigan Leaders Slavs 95% Anti-Nazi; Letter to President Hails Denunciation of Hitlerism

By William Allan  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Oct. 29.—In greeting a meeting of the state committee of the American Slav Congress here yesterday, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told the gathering: "Yes, we know that the Bulgarian people are ninety-five per cent against Hitler, and that the Bulgarian government is with Hitler."

The Navy head made his remark regarding the anti-fascist feeling of the Slav peoples as a delegation of Polish, Croatian, Serbian and Bulgarian girls presented him with a floral gift.

## Coughlinite Rally Borders on Treason

Thinly Veiled Threats Made Against Government at Boston Meeting

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Oct. 29.—A thinly-veiled call for the overthrow of "the present tyrannical dictatorship in Washington" and a denunciation of the struggle against Hitlerism as a "Jewish war" marked a Father Coughlin birthday banquet here this week attended by 500 members of Social Justice clubs.

Chief speaker was Rev. Edward F. Brophy of Long Island, New York, a leader of the Christian Front movement and author of that organization's official handbook.

Honored guest of the assembly was Father Bauche of Fall River, who was presented as "a close personal friend of Marshal Petain" and who pledged the audience that he would continue to teach his followers that "Coughlin is second only to Jesus Christ."

Father Brophy in his address called upon the members of the Knights of Columbus to resign in

protest against Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy's recent address to the organization's convention in which he called for aid to Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

Other targets for Father Brophy's attacks were Cardinal Hinsley of England for his support of aid to the Soviet Union, and all Catholics who are associated with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. These he termed "disloyal," a charge which raised many an eyebrow even in his audience because the Rev. Michael J. Ahearn, prominent local Jesuit, has been connected with the organization for many years.

Father Brophy concluded his speech with a denunciation of the "tyrannical administration of the Jewish-dominated administration" and asked his audience if they had "less courage than the Founding Fathers who in 1776 overthrew a stronger government."

A letter from Father Coughlin, read to the assembly, promised that he soon would make personal appearances if the "right sponsorship could be obtained."

**CIO Council Maps Plans for British Children's Village**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

EDGEWATER, N. J., Oct. 29.—At its latest meeting the Bergen County CIO Council mapped plans for a broad campaign to finance the British Children's Village it is building for bombed-out children in England.

Warren C. Montross, campaign director of the Village presented the plan which was adopted by the Council. Included in the financial plan will be the contribution of one hour's overtime pay to the project, with unions to arrange for the overtime work in cooperation with the management of the firms involved.

The Council also voted to sponsor an anti-Nazi mass meeting in November at which Representative Vito Marcantonio, New York Laborite, will be the featured speaker.

The declaration says: "Deeply stirred, with fists clenched and hearts filled with anger, yet unable to do anything about it, millions of Jews and non-Jews the world over are condemned to witness the ever-increasing rage of the Nazis against innocent men and women in Europe. Here we stand, with bitterness in our souls—and many losing their courage and meaning: 'But what can we do to

help?" "Something can, must be done! You and we can do something; all of those who possess a clear realization of what Hitler's victory or defeat entails for the life and happiness of mankind can do something. Though pain burst our boom, let the deed take its place.

"Each and every one who can spare a half-hour, an hour or more of his work day, let him use that time to work in an organization that is fighting Hitler. If millions of us act, it will mean millions of working hours against Hitler. And every hour thus spent will bring nearer the day of retribution."

The Aufbau (Reconstruction) is published weekly by the New World Club. Its editorial advisory board includes Albert Einstein, Lion Feuchtwanger, Emil Ludwig and Thomas Mann.



**Composes Soldier Song Hit:** Private Max White of Evansville, Ind., working on a score at Fort Shelby, Miss., where he is a member of the 113th Engineer Regiment, Thirty-eighth Division. His original tune, "I'll See You Tomorrow," is rapidly gaining favor among men at the army post.

## Negro-White Army Fraternity Noted

Delegation Tours Southern Camp in Program for Soldier Welfare

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ANNISTON, Ala., Oct. 29.—Relations between Negro and white troops at Fort McClellan here are friendly, a visiting youth group was told by Negro troops in the camp yesterday.

Led by Louis E. Burnham, organizational secretary of the Southern Negro Youth Congress,

the Citizens Comm. for Army Welfare, the group, initiated by Youth Congress for the purpose of strengthening the morale of Negro soldiers in army camps throughout the South visited the fort to establish contact for their defense activities. Included in the visiting group were Miss Dora Rice, executive secretary of the Birmingham Eighth Avenue YWCA; Miss Sallye Belle, socially prominent school teacher; Miss Mildred McAdory of the Birmingham Youth Federation; Mr. Wallace Colvin of Local 6256, United Mine Workers of America, Mr. Robert Thomas of Ensley, Ala., and Mrs. Dorothy Burnham of the Youth Congress national office.

After the soldiers were called together to receive brief messages of greetings from Miss Rice and Mr. Burnham, the visitors were led on

a tour of inspection by Sergeant Masters of the 48th Quartermasters Regiment. They spent the afternoon mingling with the soldiers, taking pictures and having lunch at the soldiers mess hall.

The soldiers stated that their relations with the white troops at the camp were good and that their chief hardships came from the total lack of leisure time facilities in Anniston, Birmingham and other nearby cities. Names of soldiers were taken for the purpose of beginning correspondence with citizens of Birmingham. The committee plans to send cookie jars, cigarettes and magazines to the troops and to sponsor a dance for the boys during the Christmas holidays. Chairman of the Citizens Committee is Rev. J. Claude Perry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Birmingham.

## Speed Drive In Chicago on Price Control

Conference Presses Bill Passage; Denounce Milk Boast

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—An energetic campaign for passage of the Administration Price Control Bill—H.R. 5479—is being carried on by the United Conference on the High Cost of Living here. A chain postcard campaign is in full swing, and several thousand cards have already reached Congressmen from this area. One Representative has assured a member of the United Conference he will support the measure.

The United Conference at a meeting this week began a campaign against the exorbitant price of milk. Alderman A. G. Lindell, chairman of the High Cost of Living Committee of the City Council, reported to that body on Oct. 16 that his investigation has shown that the milk companies are charging three cents more per quart than is justified. The price per quart, home delivered, is 15½ cents. The retail increase per quart over that received by the farmer in September was 1.66 cents, he reported.

The United Conference, taking these facts into consideration, passed a resolution to the effect that full responsibility for the present high price of milk must be laid at the door of the milk companies.

**Free Browder New England Shoe Locals Plan**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Oct. 29.—The response of New England shoe workers to the Free Earl Browder Campaign is shown in the resolutions passed in the Lasters' Local and the Vampers' Local of the Brockton Brotherhood of Shoe and Allied Craftsmen. Sent to the President the appeals declare that the freedom of Browder would strengthen national unity against Hitlerism.

Alphonse Samson, president of the Brockton Brotherhood, John P. Burke, vice-president and general organizer, as well as shop chairman and other leaders, signed the petitions.

## Philadelphia Schools Bar Food Relief

Labor, Civic and Legion Heads Assail Board for Callous Neglect

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—Union and civic leaders here are energetically demanding action following the callous refusal of the Board of Education to take steps to bring free food, offered by the federal government, to 160,000 undernourished school children in this city.

After much delay the board's committee on undernourishment met last week and issued a statement that they would do nothing. Immediately protests began to pour into the board denouncing its indifference to the health of the thousands of poor children here.

Harry Oehning, secretary-treasurer of branch 1 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, blasted the board's failure to act as a menace to national defense.

**KIDS MUST BE FED**

"The kids must be fed," he said. "We must bring up the children of this city to be healthy. This is in the interest of our national defense. The board should and must act immediately."

Edward Linsky, state adjutant of the American Legion told the Daily Worker that the Legion Council was meeting to map a fight on the board's "ruthless disregard for the children of this city."

"The children, who are undernourished through no fault of their own, must be fed," he declared.

D. J. Whalen of the American Peace Court, Judge Harry S. McDewitt, Joseph L. Kun and Louis E. Levinthal, joined the fight for free food for the children. The Court is responsible for the appointment of members of the Board of Education.

The CIO Council at its regular meeting denounced the action of the board and called for immediate action to reverse the decision of the committee.

## They're Saying in Washington--

By Adam Lapin

### Return of Moscow Mission Ends Capitol Defeatist Talk; SPAB-Knudsen Tangle Seen Over Production

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

October 29, 1941.

There has been a sudden lull in the outpouring of defeatist rumors from official circles including the War Department about the fighting on the Eastern Front. The refusal of the Russians to conform to any of the predictions of the military experts accounts in part for the welcome silence of the gloom boys. Another factor has been the return from Moscow of the American mission to the recent three-power conference.

Members of the mission, including chairman W. Averell Harriman, William L. Batt of OPM, Maj. General James H. Burns and Admiral William H. Standley, have been unanimous in expressing their admiration for the Russians and their conviction that the Red Army will hold out.

General Burns, who originally shared many of the usual War Department views about the Soviet armed forces, is now said to have reported his belief that the Red Army will eventually win. Batt told his associates in OPM that he was amazed by the efficiency and skill of Russian mechanics and workers. He described how he had seen American planes uncrated without a hitch at Soviet flying fields, and how Russian pilots then put on a perfect exhibition with foreign planes which they had not handled before.

All members of the mission were tremendously impressed by Stalin. As Harriman has already said publicly, they were bowled over by his grasp of armament problems. And they were surprised, after the 15-year campaign of personal slander against the Soviet Premier, at his friendliness and his sense of humor. One incident frequently told by the American delegates is this: On the night of the big banquet at the Kremlin for the visiting dignitaries Stalin came unescorted into the room where the British and American officials were gathered, walked around and personally introduced himself to all present.

The important thing is that the mission has been doing an effective job of selling the need for immediate and large-scale shipments of war materials to the Soviet Union. They have apparently communicated this feeling not only to administration higher-ups but also to scores of middle ranking officials in defense agencies. And the indications are that the program of Soviet aid is at last beginning to move, with Soviet orders now getting first-ranking priorities in American plants.

SPAB, the Supply Priorities and Allocations Board created by the President, now faces the problem of getting beyond the plan-making stage and getting down to the brass tacks of speeding up the nation's production job.

Vice-President Wallace, chairman of the Board, and director Donald Nelson have for some time realized that the present arms program is inadequate for a decisive defeat of Hitler and that vast expansion is necessary.

It is now certain that the program will be expanded, and that the President's recent announcement, that the medium tank production will be more than doubled in part of a larger scheme for doubling the whole defense program.

But expansion on paper won't lick Hitler. And the simple fact of the matter is that the arms program is still lagging. SPAB is making plans, but the plans are just not being carried out quickly enough.

Defense officials have a chart which shows what will happen if the present production rate is applied to the expanded program now being worked out. The complete quota for many important items will be reached not in the two years required by the new plans but in 10 and 15 years.

One reason for the persistent lag is that OPM director William Knudsen is still in charge of production, and Knudsen is clinging hard to the old business-as-usual methods. There has already been some friction between SPAB and Knudsen, and there will be more if SPAB does its job properly.

Actually SPAB is pretty near the cross roads.

### 11th Hour Switch On Communist Air Talks Made

(Special to the Daily Worker)

Last-minute election campaign rush of meetings and other activity brought a switch in the radio broadcast series for Communist candidates in the New York elections, the election campaign committee announced yesterday.

End Sadie Van Veen will speak tomorrow night over WAAT (980 k.c.) instead of Israel Amter, as announced yesterday. The time of the broadcast is 9:15 P. M.

Another late campaign switch was in the regular weekly Queens program. Paul Crosbie, who was scheduled to speak over WVRP (1600 k.c.) at 9:45 tonight, agreed to a change to allow the Queens station to present a forum of all Queens candidates. Crosbie will be heard at 10 P. M. tomorrow instead, but he will be represented on the Queens forum which begins at 9:30 tonight.

Other "Unite for Victory" broadcasts, sponsored by the Communist election campaign committee for the weekend are: SUNDAY: WCNW (1600 k.c.) broadcast of special interest to Negro voters, by Robert A. Campbell, Brooklyn Negro Communist leader.

SUNDAY: WHOM (1480 k.c.) final campaign broadcast to Jewish voters, Max Steinberg, chairman of the National Council of Jewish Communists, speaking in Yiddish.

**Luncheon for ILO Delegates on Nov. 8**

The Foreign Policy Association is sponsoring a luncheon on Nov. 8 in honor of some of the ranking delegates to the conference of the International Labor Organization now in session here. The theme of the luncheon will be "Labor's Stake in the War."

Either it will move in on the production problem now or it will gradually shrink in importance and prestige. Much will depend on the decision which Wallace, Nelson and their associates make in the next two or three weeks.

Experts here are convinced that large-scale conversion of factories from peacetime production to defense production is the only way of getting the big armaments job done in time. Obviously, conversion will save months and in some cases years needed to build and equip wholly new plants.

But many big corporations in the auto industry and elsewhere are still resisting conversion. And Knudsen has generally supported this point of view, with the result that there has so far been precious little conversion.

A number of SPAB officials also believe that Floyd Odum, director of the OPM division of Contract Distribution, does not yet realize that conversion is the answer as far as small business is concerned. They feel that in too many cases, Odum is concentrating on getting some more scarce materials for small companies rather than figuring out ways and means for converting their factories for defense production.

As a result of grotesque mismanagement by the dollar a year men in OPM, there is now a severe copper shortage for military as well as civilian use. The reason is that OPM started last year to expand the industry at the wrong end. It expanded the brass industry by 75 per cent, but not the production of copper and zinc, the raw materials which are used to make brass.

Now older brass plants in some Mid-west areas are closing down for lack of copper. Alongside of newer plants of the same companies which are still in process of construction. And then, of course, severe restrictions on civilian consumption of copper have been put into effect.

But very little has been done as yet to meet the real problem—to mine more copper. One reason is that Anaconda Copper and the other big companies in the field are resisting increased production in order to use the scarcity of copper as a club over the head of the government in forcing increased prices.

The CIO International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers has evidence to show that despite the copper shortage the big Butte mine of Anaconda is now operating at only a fraction of capacity, and that more than 50 per cent of the workers are engaged less than 50 per cent of the time. The union is now working out a detailed plan for sharply increased copper production with all mines operating 24 hours a day.

Real estate interests have been spending thousands of dollars in entertaining the House Public Building and Grounds Subcommittee which has been making a tour of defense housing projects. Not only have real estate groups thrown lavish parties and dinners in many towns for the visiting Congressmen, but they have also covered many of the regular expenses of the committee such as hotel bills.

One result has been that the committee has spent virtually none of its \$25,000 appropriation. Another and more important result may be a first rate public scandal when the whole story leaks out.

There has, of course, been nothing philanthropic about this expenditure of real estate money. Private building interest want to stop all public defense housing. The big trouble all along with the defense housing set-up headed by Charles F. Palmer has been too much reliance on the real estate crowd which has amply demonstrated that it can't and won't solve the problem of low-rent housing in defense areas.

Now the idea is to use the House committee as a further pressure group against badly needed defense housing. The Public Building and Grounds Committee has already been sitting for almost four months on a request by the President for a \$300,000,000 defense housing appropriation.

## Urge Appeaser Rout In Philadelphia Poll

Congressman Myers, Communists Blast Republican Candidates

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—The danger of a victory for the forces of appeasement if the Republican Party wins the municipal elections was voiced here today by Congressman Francis J. Myers.

He warned the voters of Philadelphia that should such a Republican victory occur, appeasement forces throughout the country will hail it as a "rebuke" to the foreign policies of the Roosevelt Administration and that every isolationist, every appeaser, every little Lindbergh, every Wheeler, will shout to the heavens that Philadelphia, the Roosevelt fortress, has repudiated him and his entire foreign policy.

AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods here as well as many other progressive anti-Hitler camps are pledged to the defeat of the Republican Party, seat of appeasement in this city.

**BLASTS APPEASERS**

Meanwhile, Communist candidates who were ruled off the ballot by the Republican-controlled County Board of Elections also issued a statement to the electorate, urging defeat for the Republican candidates.

"The Republican Party of Philadelphia, together with the whole State Republican Party of Pennsylvania is the party of appeasement," the statement read in part. "It is supported by the Bundists, Christian Fronters, Couglites, American Firsters, by all of the friends and allies of Adolf Hitler in Philadelphia."

The Communist candidates stated that the Communist Party "cannot and does not endorse anyone of the two major parties, its platform or candidates."

They called attention to the fact that "it is indeed unfortunate that the Democratic Party of our city did not have the vision or foresight to realize that the main issue in the municipal elections was National Defense and National Unity in support of President Roosevelt's foreign policies."

"The Communist Party feels," the statement went on, "that in our city, political conditions are rotten ripe for the formation of an independent party of labor and the people, with an aggressive, intelligent, fearless and honest leadership and policy of civic reform and dedicated wholeheartedly to National Defense, the defeat of Hitlerism, the ending of graft and corruption, defense of labor's rights and defense of the rights of the Negro people."

However since such a party is not in the field and since the Communist Party is not on the ballot because of the trickery of the appeasers, the Communist Party calls on the people to defeat the party of appeasement, the Republican Party of Philadelphia.



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### Swift and Sure

The blustering hostility in official Japanese circles to President Roosevelt's pledge of aid to China shows once more that Tokyo has tied its destiny to the bloody chariot of Hitler.

Any illusions that the new government of General Tojo is a "middle-of-the-road" outfit should be completely dissipated. The Japanese militarists are waiting to seize the first favorable moment to deal a blow against the Soviet Union, China and the United States—and to help Hitler.

The raid upon the Soviet Union's far eastern territory was a feeler not only of the Red Army. It was to see just how the United States government would react to an attack upon the Soviet Union or to aggression elsewhere in the Pacific area.

The answer of the United States should be swift and unmistakable. It should inform Japan that any attack upon the Soviet Union will be regarded as an attack upon America's own national security, and will be treated as such.

### Manhattan Voter's Guide: No. 1 for Amter

Manhattan voters, along with the voters of the rest of the city, will go to the polls Tuesday to elect not only a citywide ticket and borough officers but also members of the City Council from Manhattan.

It is hardly necessary to tell readers of the Daily Worker that one of Manhattan's best fighters against Hitlerism, against Tammany and all it implies, is Israel Amter, Communist candidate for City Council. His record in the labor and anti-fascist movement goes back many years.

New Yorkers will recall that it was Amter who, along with other Communist leaders, braved the police clubs of a Tammany administration on March 6, 1930, to lead the historic "Work or Wages" demonstration—and was jailed by the regime of Mayor Jimmy Walker and Police Commissioner Grover Whalen. It was the work of just such leaders as Amter which finally resulted in an organized relief system and the institution of unemployment insurance.

Manhattanites: After voting on the machine, take your paper ballot next Tuesday and mark the number 1 next to the name of Israel Amter.

Labor and good government groups have endorsed a number of other anti-Hitler, anti-Tammany candidates. We commend these names for your consideration for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th districts in Manhattan. They are: Eugene P. Connolly, ALP; A. C. Powell, Jr., ALP-Fusion; Stanley M. Isaacs, Fusion; Meyer Goldberg, Fus.-Rep., and Robert Strauss, Fusion.

Tomorrow and on succeeding days the Daily Worker will discuss councilmanic candidates in the other boroughs. Watch for these editorials.

### N. Y. Labor Is To Be Congratulated

The New York labor movement is to be congratulated for the initiative it displayed in organizing Saturday's demonstration behind the slogans of support for the Administration's foreign policy, assistance to the Red Army through opening a Western Front, and to out-produce Hitler.

The workers had previously been expressing through various channels their support for such a policy. Saturday's demonstration, however, represented a new method whereby labor could speak in a stronger and more effective manner.

Both CIO and AFL unions participated in initiating this demonstration. This in itself is an indication of the ever greater desire of the workers for labor unity. It emphasizes too the possibilities of achieving general labor unity through support for the Administration's policy against Hitler.

The demonstration assumed additional importance through the participation of Mayor LaGuardia, Representative Marcantonio and Dr. Stephen Wise. This reflected the common understanding of all other groups with labor and stressed the need for unity of the entire nation against fascism.

Furthermore, the messages of unity brought by representatives of Latin-American trade unions, served to emphasize the need for solidarity of the trade union movement of the entire Western Hemisphere and the opportunity of promoting this, too, in the joint fight to destroy Hitler.

The demonstration was a symbol of greater initiative on the part of labor and of increased unity of labor and other anti-fascist forces. It should stimulate all efforts to extend this unity until it embraces the entire labor movement along with all other anti-fascists into a solid national front to defend the United States and annihilate Hitler.

### Typical Tammany Politics

Lacking a constructive anti-Hitler program to put forward, the O'Dwyer camp has descended to personal vituperation, which is typical of Tammany Hall.

This tone, struck in the remarks of Governor Lehman, was vividly illustrated in the indecent personal attack upon Mayor LaGuardia by James Farley over the radio Tuesday evening. Such gutter politics have no place in an election campaign and are insulting to New York citizens.

Finding ways and means of avoiding discussion of the real issues has been one of the mainstays of Mr. O'Dwyer. When he was not red-baiting, he has been making groundless charges, or indulging in small-time dramatics like the denial of his Tammany creators. Meanwhile, the appeasers, the anti-Semitic "Christian Fronters" and the Tammany ward-healers rest comfortably on his handwagon.

This latest attempt of Tammany Hall to conceal the real issues, makes it more imperative than ever that those who want unity against Hitler and boss politics should defeat O'Dwyer by a landslide margin.

### Neither the Place Nor the Time

Undoubtedly there were many people at the important meeting of the Russian War Relief who favored the opening of the Western Front. The Daily Worker not only shares this opinion but has actively urged the necessity of a Western Front without delay.

Notwithstanding this, we feel that the Madison Square Garden meeting was neither the place nor the time for the injection of this issue. This is so because the meeting was organized for the purpose of discussing not all policies connected with the war, but only one phase of the anti-fascist struggle: medical aid for the Soviet people.

The meeting was sponsored by the Russian War Relief, composed of people from all walks of life who are united for the purpose of doing all they can to support medical aid for the Soviet Union.

Under these circumstances, to make an issue of the Western Front at the meeting, could jeopardize the existing broad unity of those forces who are agreed upon the question of medical aid. And if this were to occur, it would prove a setback for all other phases of the struggle to destroy Hitler and defend our country.

### Surrender Advice from The World-Telegram

The World-Telegram of New York is collecting a baleful of arguments against the repeal of the Neutrality Act. Every new argument it dishes out comes from the well-known stock of the Munichmen.

While Hitler shoots at America from his U-boats, the World-Telegram counsels submission, delay of resistance, and appeasement a la Chamberlain.

If Chamberlain alibied his betrayal of Britain, France and Czechoslovakia with the plea that "we were not prepared," the World-Telegram sings the same song today. To the United States which has committed itself to the destruction of Hitler, the Telegram editorially whispers we are "not yet prepared for war." To the Government which has taken measures to halt the U-boat murders, the Telegram counsels submission with the frightened advice that we must surrender either to Hitler in the Atlantic or to Japan in the Pacific. Resistance to both of these Axis gangsters "would get us caught in a two-ocean war when we are not prepared for one." And finally, comes the theory that America cannot help Britain and the Soviet Union and arm itself at the same time; that in the name of arming America, we ought to cut off our shipments to Britain and the Soviet Union.

The reader will easily see in this heap of propaganda every single trick which has been so useful to the Nazis in their conquest of one country after another. The essence of this surrender advice is that the United States itself is not in danger when Hitler seeks to conquer Britain and the Soviet Union. The unspoken argument in every plea of the Telegram is that America must arrive at a deal with the Axis powers in the same way that Pétain made a deal with Berlin.

In terms of actual fact, every single argument of the Telegram is a sheer falsehood. It is untrue that we must choose between arming Britain and the Soviet Union on the one hand, or arming ourselves on the other. When we arm our associated powers, we are arming ourselves, for their war is our war, and we can out-produce Hitler. It is false that we must surrender to one or another of the Axis powers; for if we surrender to one we are surrendering to both since they can continue to apply "squeeze plays" against us first in the Atlantic and then Pacific indefinitely.

It is false, above all, to dream that in striking at Britain and the USSR, Hitler will kindly exempt America. The fact is that the "shooting has begun" with America as the target.

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## WELCOME SNOWSTORM



### PEOPLES' WAR

## Questions and Answers

by William Z. Foster

**Question:** What is the attitude of the Communist Party towards a declaration of war by the United States against Nazi Germany?

**Answer:** From the outset of Hitler's attack upon the U.S.S.R., on June 22nd, and the consequent transformation of the imperialist war into a people's war, the Communist Party has stressed the necessity for the United States, in defense of its most vital interests, to align its great forces with those of the U.S.S.R., Great Britain, China and other anti-fascist countries for the purpose of militarily destroying Hitler and Hitlerism. The resolution adopted by the National Committee of the C.P.U.S.A. on June 26, 1941, called for: "Full and unlimited collaboration of the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union to bring about the military defeat of fascism."

During the ensuing months the Communist Party has never ceased to point out that this is the American people's war; that our national fate is being settled in it; that we are already deep in the war; that talk of defeating Hitler with measures short of war is worse than nonsense, and that a full shooting war is inevitable. In line with this realistic conception, our Party has given active support to every step taken by the government against Hitler and his allies. It is backing the new defense appropriation bills; it endorses the policy of all possible aid to the U.S.S.R. and Britain; it is giving its fullest cooperation in the battle for production; it endorses the oil and scrap iron embargo against Japan; it halted Roosevelt's "shoot on sight" order to the American Navy against German submarines and surface raiders; it has waged ceaseless war upon the America First Committee and all its treasonable activities and affiliations.

Moreover, our Party has found it necessary to press upon the government for ever more energetic action against Hitler and his agents. It is now urging that the United States government cooperate with Great Britain in opening up a Western Front; that American-made munitions be conveyed all the way to Britain and the U.S.S.R.; that the diplomatic agents of Germany and its puppets of Vichy France, Finland and Spain be driven out of the country; that the Neutrality Act be completely scrapped; that the U.S.A. and Great Britain give the U.S.S.R. a pledge to resist jointly any Japanese attack upon Siberia; that the government investigate, expose and eventually liquidate the traitorous America First Committee. In short, every measure for the military protection of the United States against the menace

of Hitlerism has had the complete support of the Communist Party.

Now the question of declaring war upon Germany has become an active political issue. Daily there are various people's organizations and outstanding public figures in all walks of life going on record demanding that the United States become a full belligerent in the war. This proves that the American people, who have always been strongly anti-Hitler, are rapidly coming to an acute consciousness of the fact that the only way they can successfully defeat the danger of Hitlerism to this country is by doing their full share as a belligerent in the war.

The Communist Party is fully in favor of the United States' full participation in the war, for a declaration of war against Nazi Germany. Only in this manner can our country protect its dangerously menaced national independence and general welfare; only thus can we as a nation fulfill our duty to humanity as a great world power. The full entrance of the United States into the war as a belligerent will enormously increase the blows it is now striking against Hitler. It will at once throw the powerful American Navy and Air Force against Hitler and his puppets; it will enormously speed up the production of war munitions of all sorts; it will unite the peoples of the U.S.S.R., Great Britain, China and the occupied countries and give them new courage and hope; it will strike a deadly blow at the war morale of the peoples in the Axis countries; it will shock loose the honest elements in the mass following of the America First Committee and drive the Hitlerite agents into their holes; it will thoroughly solidify the national anti-Hitler unity of the American people. The entry of the United States fully into the war will be a fatal blow against the Nazi aggressors, hostage-killers and book-burners. It will assure that the overwhelming superiority of the three greatest powers on earth will bring about the irrevocable defeat of Nazi Germany.

**Question:** Did the U.S.S.R. make a mistake in signing the non-aggression pact with Nazi Germany?

**Answer:** It did not. The non-aggression pact strengthened the position of the Soviet Union and it also prepared the way for a world front against Hitler. Although this treaty did not enable the U.S.S.R. to keep out of the war altogether, nevertheless it did make it possible for that country, after its attack by Hitler, to fight under far more favorable conditions than otherwise would have been the case. The pact gave the U.S.S.R. almost two years

of precious breathing space, in which to strengthen its own ranks, while at the same time it greatly reduced the hostile forces that had to be fought.

First, in the period that the pact lasted the U.S.S.R. increased its industrial output by a full 25 percent, a factor of enormous importance. The U.S.S.R. was also able to strengthen its Red Army, by reorganizing it along the most modern lines in the light of the lessons of the war. Moreover, the U.S.S.R., through incorporating the neighboring states of Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, White Russia and Bessarabia within its borders, greatly improved its strategic position by creating a cushioning "territory" to ease the shock of the eventual German blitzkrieg.

Second, during the pact period two major Axis enemies of the U.S.S.R. were greatly weakened and rendered less capable of attack: Japan by an additional two years of the China war, and Italy by the exhaustion caused by loss of its African empire and the sagging of its internal economic regime.

Third, the attitude of England and the United States, because of events during the period of the pact, has become more friendly towards the U.S.S.R., even to the extent of giving that country a measure of support against Hitler.

Whereas had the U.S.S.R. gotten into the war against Germany two years ago it would not only have had to fight Nazi Germany, but it would have confronted as well the opposition of the United States, Great Britain and France. For, let it be remembered, those powers, in the period just before the war, rejected the U.S.S.R.'s collective security proposals and instead followed a policy of trying to embroil the U.S.S.R. and Germany in war against each other. They considered the U.S.S.R. as their main enemy and would have gone far to encompass its downfall. The Beck government of Poland, then a close collaborator with Nazi Germany, might even have forced that country to take up arms against the U.S.S.R. It is a misapprehension, therefore, to believe that the British-French bloc were willing at that time to become allies of the U.S.S.R. against Hitler. If Great Britain and the United States, as well as many conquered nations of Europe, now take a more friendly and cooperative attitude towards the U.S.S.R. it is because they have, by bitter experience, learned to dread the power and ambition of imperialist Germany. Later experience will show that the signing of the pact with the Soviet Union was a major defeat for Hitler, which will eventually end up in his downfall.

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

Appeaser John Cudahy, former American Ambassador to Belgium and advocate of a Negotiated Surrender, has figured out a brand new one why we shouldn't fight Hitler. He says that when he interviewed Hitler four months ago, Adolf looked very ill and, says Cudahy, "he can't endure forever." This is the first time in history that anyone has proposed that the United States place its defense in the hands of a couple of microbes.

As a matter of fact, we've been hearing for years that Hitler was ill and that "it won't be long now." But it seems that once a germ gets in contact with Adolf, the first thing it learns is how to double-cross the rest of the world.

Travelers coming back from Germany used to assure us that Hitler was having trouble with his throat. It turned out to be a case of inflammatory tonsitis.

First thing you know Cudahy will be telling us not to get excited over the torpedoing of the Kearny because the U-boat Commander may have a head cold.

Asking "Does this rhyme?" one of our readers named Sugarman writes:  
 A stumbling block to Victory  
 Is a gentleman named Cudahy.

As a matter of fact, it's a poor rhyme; but it's darn good sense.

The other day most papers carried two headlines. One read: "Roosevelt Trickery Charged by Taft." The other read: "Roosevelt Trickery Charged by Nazis." In these days, when paper has to be conserved, why not run just one headline reading "Roosevelt Trickery-Charged by Nazis-Taft?"

Our suggestion that Point of Order readers answer the Japanese Emperor's request for poetry on the subject "Clouds Over Mountain Ranges," brought quick results. Bill Becham sent in this trio of verses:

Let Japan read this version of the Goldilocks affair:  
 "Nobody questions MY courage," says the big Russian bear.

Hirohito summons bards to write of drifting clouds,  
 Like Nero giving pageants to hungry Roman crowds.  
 A threat of clouds of U.-S. bombers over Japanese mountain ranges,  
 Would be the most effective of New Year's exchanges.

Tuesday was a big day among the Italian Fascists—the 20th anniversary of Mussolini's arduous March on Rome in a Pullman Car. The Fascists were silent, however, on the fact that Tuesday was also the first anniversary of Mussolini's Record-Breaking Invasion Into and Out of Greece.

Isn't it time for a Second March on Rome—this time via Liverpool and New York?

H. Zuckerman calls attention to an appeal in the Sunday Mirror for Mirror readers to send in news, news-tips and photos. But, he says, the Mirror editor must be taking his readers for a ride; if the Mirror really is looking for news, how come it missed the news of Saturday's "Rally for America" attended by 60,000 New Yorkers and the Mayor of the City?

The CIO News is a good labor paper, but there's one strange thing about it. We know a fellow who reads the CIO News to the exclusion of all other papers, and he still doesn't know that there is a war going on somewhere.

This is "No False Alarm Week," and Tammany ward-healers are complaining that it sounds like anti-O'Dwyer propaganda.

## Letters From Our Readers

### 'Artificial Barriers'

Houston, Texas.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Marian Anderson's lovely voice and lovable personality broke through supposed Southern prejudices in Houston recently, when thousands of Negro and white listeners in Civic Auditorium joined in singing with her.

There aren't many occasions where Negro and white can meet here for mutual enjoyment and common betterment.

And the reception accorded Miss Anderson, who has sung here numerous times in recent years, proves beyond doubt that artificial barriers can be forgotten, even under Jim-Crow seating. J. D.

### Wants "The Soviet Power"

Available in Several Languages

Cliffside Park, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Dean of Canterbury's "Soviet Power" is a powerful book. It is just too bad that those who cannot read English so well are being left out of the joy of reading this book.

From several sources comes the clamor for translations into the German, French, Italian and even Slavish languages.

To expect children to read the English edition and explain it to the parents is pitiful, especially if they still attend grade school.

Why not make it available in several languages so that no one will miss reading this valuable book? L. K.

### Mark Twain's Thoughts on Russia in 1906

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have been reading Mark Twain's biography written in 1906 and I thought the following excerpt on Russia would be of interest to Daily Worker readers.

"In Russia, for centuries, the vast population has been ground under the heels, and for the sole and sordid advantage of a procession of crowned assassins and robbers who have all deserved the gallows. Russia's 130,000,000 of miserable subjects are much worse off today (1906) than were the poor of the Middle Ages whom we so pity. We are accustomed to speak of Russia as medieval and as standing in the Middle Ages; the Middle Ages are a long way in front of her and she is not likely to catch up with them so long as the Czarism continues to exist." L. G.

### Looking Forward to More Putnam Articles

Great Neck, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Samuel Putnam's review of Mrs. Banning's book on South America in your issue of October 23 appealed to me greatly. I am looking forward to his promised discussion of other books on the same, very important subject. I hope he will also say a word about periodicals like "Hemispheres" (if I am not mistaken) devoted to Latin America and give an idea of their character and relative value from the point of view of progressives and labor. His project is excellent. Dr. L. A. E. Jr.

## CHANGE THE WORLD

We Are Trying to Fight  
With Self-Imposed  
Handcuffs On Our Wrists

By MIKE GOLD

IF ANY group has the moral right to pass upon questions of war or peace it is surely that band of brave and idealistic Americans who fought as volunteers in Spain.

These were the first Americans to oppose Hitler and Mussolini on the battlefield. For two desperate years, they fought almost bare-handed against the tanks and planes of the dictators.

The Lincoln volunteers were the first to see clearly that America was in danger from Hitler. In front of Madrid they fought that New York and San Francisco might not be bombed. Some of the noblest young men America ever produced, the flower of their generation, were killed in that unequal fight. Yes, many died in Spain—too many of our best youth.

Some of the responsibility must forever lie on the fascists still snugly nested in our State Department, who persecuted the Volunteers, arrested them, threatened them with loss of citizenship, and mercilessly blocked every possible aid to Spain, even to the extent of medical supplies. Some of the guilt must also rest upon the army of clerical fascists mobilized in the Catholic Church, who followed the line of Fascist Italy, rather than democratic America.

If ever men had a right to become cynical about such democracy, it would be the persecuted and betrayed Lincoln soldiers. Almost all who survive are within the draft age. They could refuse to go through hell again. But solemnly, with this deep and tragic background behind them, they have re-affirmed their faith in the American people and in American institutions.

The Veterans of the Lincoln Brigade went on record last week. They declared their belief that the hour has come when America must declare war on Hitler Germany.

In addition to these democratic Veterans, many CIO and AFL trade unions, many church leagues, city and state legislatures and similar organs of the American people, are passing resolutions daily for a declaration of war.

This is not the thoughtless almost hysterical "war-mongering" one saw in the last World War. After what has happened in Europe, no sensible American thinks any longer of war as a picnic, as a short vacation from office and factory routine, or as an opportunity to win medals and glory.

It is in a mood of hatred of war, with shuddering and sorrow and prayer that so many plain Americans bring themselves to the grim necessity of demanding a declaration of war.

The deep instinct of self-preservation has begun to work, I believe, as in France, for example. Up to last week, many conservative Frenchmen must have still had the delusion that they could go about their private affairs, avoid all politics, and manage to crawl through life even under a Nazi conqueror. But when Hitler began casually picking up Frenchmen off the streets and shooting them as hostages then every Frenchman's life was in peril; so that I am sure Hitler has now managed to rouse the whole French nation into active hatred and opposition. He has left them nothing, not even life, to lose.

Hitler's threat to Siberia and Alaska, his sinking of American ships in our own waters, his incitement of Japan against us, his plots in South America and the revelation of the true face of his Lindbergh and Wheeler—all these facts have finally taught more and more Americans that there is no safety for us until Hitler is destroyed, any more than there is for Russians or Frenchmen.

But we are in a curious situation in this country. It is a reflection of the insane hash Hitler has made of all civilization—including the normal mercies of peace, and the formalities of "civilized" war.

There is a Nazi ambassador at Washington, and hundreds of Nazi consulates in our cities. But Hitler sinks our ships, and President Roosevelt, in his latest speech on Navy Day, answers in words of hatred and defiance that pass beyond every diplomatic code, and are actually the language of a state of war.

Yet technically, we are at "peace" with Nazi Germany. We even send ships loaded with food and perhaps munitions to his axis allies, Britain and France. We do not admit European refugees fleeing from Hitler. But any fascist propagandist can come over and take a suite in our best hotels and organize a campaign of anti-American plotting. "We are already in a shooting war with Hitler," said the President. Yes; but it is an undeclared war; and only two days before the President's speech Secretary Hull assured the press that America was positively not at war, and would not allow itself to come into the war.

What is the meaning of such contradictions and vacillations? It is hard to say; but the confusion at Washington becomes reflected in confusion throughout the nation. True, a large section of the American people has begun to thrust through this fog of double-talk and to demand that the undeclared war be faced honestly and turned into a declared war. But all America still waits for clear call that can help it find its national soul and strength.

Many things can be said in favor of an honest declaration of war. It would at once unite the American people; it would make sacrifice seem reasonable; it would hearten England and Russia immeasurably; it would equally dishearten the German and Italian people; it would immediately speed up vital production here; it would scotch most of the plots and hypocrisies of the traitor appeasers and pro-Hitlerites; it could shorten the fighting by a year; it would be a recognition of the realities, and without a stern realism we can never defeat Hitler. America wants to crush the Nazi monster. Of this, there cannot be any further doubt. But a terrible danger lies in the weeks and months that traitors and appeasers are able to block the American will and to confuse the American mind. Mr. Roosevelt tells us we have challenged Hitler; and that we are exposed to all the dangers and risks of a war. Yet we haven't had the realism and courage to fully mobilize. We are bogged down in a technicality. We are trying to fight with self-imposed handcuffs on our wrists. It is an ambiguous situation. Every nation that has been ambiguous about Hitler, has ended up in the concentration camps of his "New Order."

ASCAP Signs  
With NBC and  
CBS Networks

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers signed a contract yesterday with the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System, ending their 10-month music war with the radio chains.

ASCAP songs, which have been kept off the two networks since Jan. 1, are available for performances beginning today under the terms of the contract, it was reported.

The Mutual Broadcasting System signed an ASCAP contract some time ago and has been using its songs. The MBS contract contained a clause granting it the right to change to the terms accorded CBS and NBC should Mutual regard that as more favorable.

ASCAP went off the air in a dispute over royalty payments on the use of its songs. It had submitted new rate schedules which the chains described as confiscatory.

The new contracts signed yesterday call for payment by CBS and NBC of 2 1/2 per cent of income from commercial programs. Single stations will pay 2 1/2 per cent from commercial program income.

A comparison of the rates in the old and new ASCAP contracts is difficult because of different bases of computation. However, music sources said that they believed that increased business by radio stations would offset the apparent cut in ASCAP income under the new agreements.

Story Contest for  
Trade Union Wives

A story contest for wives of New York trade unionists was announced this week by Mildred Scherer, educational director of the New York CIO Women's Auxiliary Council.

Stories are to deal with the theme, "How I Feel About an Auxiliary," or with experiences in auxiliary work. Mrs. Scherer said. Contributions are to be of 500 words or less, and should be mailed to the Auxiliary Council at 1133 Broadway. Women need not be members of an auxiliary to take part in the contest.

All entries must reach the Auxiliary Council office before Jan. 15, 1942. A group of prominent women writers will act as judges in the contest, Mrs. Scherer added.

Friedrich Wolf  
Writes War Play

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News) MOSCOW, Oct. 29.—"Should Sergeant Major Wend Live?" is the title of a new play by the well-known anti-fascist playwright Friedrich Wolf. The play, which is nearing completion, and will be shown here, is based on the present war.

The main character, Wend, is a teacher who has been mobilized into the fascist army and sent to the eastern front. After realizing that the German army is a brutal machine in the hands of the fascists and leads the German people to ruin, Wend decides to fight against it, and not with it.

As a pursuit plane pilot, he is ordered to destroy some Soviet bombers. Wend, instead, brings down a German bomber and then lands on Soviet territory and surrenders to the Soviet troops.

## John Ford Films Welsh Mine Life

## 'How Green Was My Valley' Shows Workers' Family

HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY, produced by Darryl F. Zanuck for 20th Century-Fox. Screenplay by Philip Dunne from the novel by Richard Llewellyn. Directed by John Ford. Music by Alfred Newman. Photography by Alfred Miller. At the Rivoli.

By MILTON MELTZER  
"How Green Was My Valley" is the third film we have had this year of life in a Welsh mining town. The first two were British, and made more than two years ago. They were "Proud Valley," starring Paul Robeson, and "The Stars Look Down," directed by the brilliant young Carol Reed. And now one of Hollywood's best men, John Ford, has tried his hand at the same thing, using Richard Llewellyn's successful novel for his starting point.

## Film Very Much Worth Seeing

It is to be regretted that he did not get much beyond that starting point. For although I have not read the novel on which he based his film, it is plain to anyone that too faithful a concern for its every episode has shattered the dramatic structure a two-hour film needs and levelled down a powerful reality to nostalgic remembrance of things past.

Ford is an honest director with a loving respect for working men and women and this alone is enough to make "How Green Was My Valley" worth seeing far beyond the usual picture. His camera focuses upon the Morgan family that has mined the earth below a little South Wales town for generations. Father and mother, five sons and daughter are seen through the eyes of the youngest, Huw. But as he looks back on it, fifty years later. This is how the green valley looked when the slag was only a thin streak down its sides. The clean house and streets, the wooded hills above, the warm ties between families, the whole town a rich singing happiness.

The good old days—and Ford mounts swiftly several sequences in pantomime to show what they were like. "There was so much that was good and is gone" says the quiet voice commenting off-screen. But the wage-scale is cut. Old Morgan's grown sons rebel; their father will have no talk of a union. He sees the owners himself and their an-

swer is to shift him to a post that keeps him standing in the rain all day. Still he will not listen to his son's "socialistic nonsense."

The men strike against his will and 22 weeks later only some of them are taken back when it's over. From that day on unemployment for life is the sentence of more and more miners. The sons leave for America; the valley darkens, and inside hearts as well.

There is less and less joy. Morgan's daughter Anghara marries the rich man's son because the poor preacher will not burden a wife with his worries. Little Huw loses the use of his legs saving his mother in an accident. Then he goes off to school to become a fine scholar but chooses to go into the pits instead of to college when the pits come.

The preacher is driven out of his chapel by gossiping fools. Anghara's marriage falls and an accident in the mine kills father Morgan.

These are not half the incidents Ford tries to tell. One after another he dissolves them, so rapidly at times that the nature of the action or its meaning is not clear to one who has not lingered over it in the novel. Some, of course, are as vivid and memorable as the best of Ford's work in, say, the "Grapes of Wrath." That scene, for example, where Rhys Williams and Barry Fitzgerald appear at Huw's school to give his vicious teacher a quick boxing lesson is a gem.

Comparison with those other films of Welsh mining life is worth making. Ford seems to have done



These three play some of the most important roles in the new "How Green Was My Valley," now at the Rivoli Theatre. Left is Anna Lee as Bronwyn, the Morgan daughter-in-law widowed by a mine accident. On right are Walter Pidgeon, who plays the preacher, Griffith, and Maureen O'Hara as Anghara, the Morgan girl in love with him.

his best to reproduce the feel and look of the town itself in the California hills but it is only a patch on what "The Stars Look Down" did. And that is true not just of the physical appearance of Ford's characters and their home. It's true of their life itself. The squalor, the poverty, the unending battle with ignorance and accidents and bosses that miners know was there every moment in "The Stars Look Down."

Carol Reed's direction found no time or place for sentimentality or nostalgia. The disaster that ends his film was a terrifying and typical reality; the death of old Morgan underground in Ford's film is a pathetic period to a drowsing sentence.

Roddy McDowell  
An Acting Find

Despite the handicap of having scenes cut to a momentary flash there is some excellent acting in "How Green Was My Valley." Donald Crisp and Sara Allgood as the heads of the clan and young Roddy McDowell as Huw are the best. Roddy is a real find with none of the slithering cuteness of the average Hollywood moppet. Walter Pidgeon is rather stiff in the inadequately written role of the preacher. The many bit parts are almost all done nicely. The photography is pictorially beautiful; too much so to catch the harsh grain of face and place needed. Alfred Newman's score is made up of the sighing violins which the whole conception of the film seemed to demand.

## HEALTH ADVICE

How Addicts  
Get the Habit

If you are a smoker and you would like to know how it feels to be an opium addict without his drug, think how nervous and upset you felt at some time that you couldn't smoke for several days. Then multiply the feeling you had by a thousand times and you can imagine the insane frenzy possessing an opium addict who has been denied his drug.

A heavy drinker goes to a doctor for a cure of his hangover. The doctor tries injections of morphine to bring the patient out and both pleasantly and that it works well. The drinker comes again and again for more injections after drinking and the doctor, against his better judgment, gives them to him.

Soon, the patient finds he likes the injections very much and discovers it is morphine. So when he gets craving again, he buys some from a dealer and he has become an addict.

If the patient doesn't know what the medicine was, he most likely forgets the habit after going through a short period of suffering.

There is another more common route through which addicts are recruited from among heavy drinkers. Dope peddlers hang around bars and they form acquaintances among the denizens. Then at a time that a drinker's mental faculties are not acute, the peddler persuades him to try a new thrill. Sometimes, the dealer persuades his victim that the opium is good for his coming hangover. Then the victim tries the drug again and again, and finally cannot get along without it.

Research has shown that people who don't smoke or drink rarely take to "dope." A heavy drinker, when he is under a strain, or a nervous feels the need of a drink. A man who smokes much feels the same about his tobacco. The same is true about anyone addicted to large amounts of other stimulants or drugs, such as eight cups of coffee a day. It is a much easier step for a person with one of these excessive habits to take to "dope" than for one who takes tobacco, alcohol, or coffee only in moderation.

All stimulants and drugs that cause a feeling of well-being do so mostly through the nervous system. Tobacco narrows the brain blood-vessels, causing a dulling of feelings. Alcohol dulls the thinking part of the brain—one "forgets." Opium dulls the brain centers.

A Music School that Takes  
To Heart Rebel Beethoven

By Lorraine Kubrin

With an exultant surge, followed by the triumphant beat of victory ends Beethoven's Fifth—his Victory Symphony. As they sit listening—the stolid, heavy-set man, the young girl whose tiny face is framed by flowing black hair, the pensive Negro boy, and all the others scattered about the large studio—as they sit listening, in their faces can be seen that they, too, with Beethoven, have resolved the struggle against a bitter fate.

For this class in Music Appreciation at the Metropolitan Music School is composed mainly of workers and students, an audience that can take to its heart the rebel, Beethoven.

History That  
Makes Music

Mr. Rudolf Jankel, director of the school and instructor of this course, now tells a little about the history that helped shape the music. He stresses the importance of the French Revolution in liberating Beethoven's music from both the content and form made popular by the old aristocratic school, typified by Mozart.

Then comes detailed study of the parts of the Symphony. Eyes light up and lips curve into smiles at the second, the pleasure-seeking movement. No need to tell this group that Beethoven found escapism a very unsatisfactory substitute for facing his problem, for coming to grips with his fate.

So the hour passes . . . quickly. In the neighboring studios other classes are in progress—classes in piano, harp, flute, clarinet, ear training, counterpoint, voice, violin, trumpet, accordion, choral work—and every type instrument. There is also individual instruction for those students who desire more intensive training.

The school, itself, is a remodeled brown stone front, at 111 West 88th St. It seems significant that here, under global fixtures that once covered Victorian gas lights, in rooms paneled with dark wainscoting and adorned by plaster Adams' freplaces, is running a non-profit-making, cooperative school.

In accordance with the policy formulated at the founding of the school, seven years ago, inspired by the vision that the future of music education lies within the realm of the cooperative school, tuition fees have always been kept at the minimum, at the subsistence level.

Students Help  
Run School

Students, too, are included in the governing body of the school, since the constitution provides that the school shall be run by faculty and students.

## WAY DOWN EAST

By MIKE QUIN

MORE correspondence. I don't quite get this, but maybe you can figure it out:

"Dear Mike: All this stuff about how to write has been said ad nauseum. The great virgin subject, in which—if you did a little pioneering—you might sound less unbearably naive, is how to break down the bourgeois usurpation of literature."

"The vital subject is not 'How to write for the people,' but how by its being printed to let the people know they are being written for." Your column of today (Monday, Oct. 20) is silly to anyone aware of the almost hopeless situation faced by any writer who writes as you advise. The subject of how, by organizational means to create some resistance to the bourgeois corruption of literature is the one that seldom gets any attention because it is so difficult. I challenge you to try it."

I knew if I wrote anything about writing, somebody would get mad at me.

"Ad Nauseum" means, enough to nauseate him, I believe. It's Greek or Latin or something. I know very little about the "great virgin subject" so I won't attempt to discuss it, much less pioneer it. As for "the bourgeois usurpation of literature," I think he refers to the fact that the wealthy class controls most of the presses and publishing houses and refuses to print anything that is written from a workers' or people's viewpoint.

Public demand succeeded in getting them to loosen up a trifle in past years, but not much, and today the screws are down again. I wasn't talking about writing for them. I was talking about writing for our own press—for such newspapers and magazines as the people or labor are able to sponsor and support. I can talk about writing for this paper, for instance, but how to get William Randolph Hearst to print the same stuff in his papers—well, if this guy is trying to do that, I don't wonder he feels "almost hopeless."

Maybe he feels our papers don't reach enough people. Well, we feel the same way about it, and that's why we have the Browder Brigade.

As for "organizational means to create some resistance to the bourgeois corruption of literature," labor once gave Hearst an awful run for his money with a boycott against his papers, and in San Francisco public sentiment following the 1934 General Strike forced the Chronicle to change its policy from out-and-out reactionary to pseudo liberal.

The public has exerted itself frequently in organized protests against particularly vicious books, and by demanding that good books be placed on the shelves of libraries.

These things have had influence but have not changed the picture to any considerable extent.

My chief interest is in building up, perfecting and increasing our own press. I think this does more than anything else toward creating "resistance to the bourgeois corruption of literature."

If anybody read that column of mine thinking they might get some tips on how to get published in the commercial field and become famous through reviews in the New York Times book section, they were badly misled. In the first place, I don't know anything about it. I don't even write for them. They don't like me, and if you follow my advice scrupulously you probably never will get published by them.

I don't think some people take our press seriously enough. I once had a commercial writer praise my work and then ask me if I ever had any time or had ever thought about doing some really serious writing. He meant writing for the commercial press.

I told him I'd probably go crazy if I tried.

I don't feel my situation is "almost hopeless" or anything like it. The only books I've had published were published by my friends at great difficulty and some personal sacrifice.

I'd rather speak in healthy freedom through a mimeograph than see my ideas parade all crippled, battered and mutilated in the commercial press.

## Orson in Grease Paint



Beginning his second film venture, Orson Welles applies grease paint as he puts "The Magnificent Ambersons" into production for RKO Radio.

'One Day in Soviet'  
Success in Britain

"One Day in Soviet Russia" is the first Soviet-produced film with an English commentary written and narrated by a widely-known American, Quentin Reynolds, foreign correspondent for Collier's.

In London, the film ran for nine weeks at the Pavilion, United Artists' first-run theatre, where it broke all house records, according to the English distributor. "One

Day in Soviet Russia" is still being shown to audiences in the British Isles, wider audiences than any Soviet film was ever able to attract in so short a period. Perhaps the most significant fact connected with the film's appearance in Britain is that it is seriously credited with contributing to the success of "Thanks for Russia Week."

## MOTION PICTURES

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- 10:00-WAFA—Food Forum
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- 10:30-WAFA—Market Basket
- 10:45-WJZ—Breakfast Club
- 11:00-WAFA—Let's Talk Shop
- 11:15-WMCA—News
- 11:30-WAFA—Food Talk
- 11:45-WNYC—Consumer Program
- 12:00-WAFA—Column of the Air
- 12:15-WNYC—Chamber Music
- 12:30-WOR—Consumer's Quiz
- 12:45-WAFA—Salon Concert
- 1:00-WAFA—Presentations—Variety
- 1:15-WOR—Trans-Radio News
- 1:30-WAFA—Beauty Talk
- 1:45-WNYC—Other People's Business
- 2:00-WAFA—Father Knickerbocker Suggests
- 2:15-WOR—Woman's Hour
- 2:30-WMCA—Town Gossip
- 2:45-WNYC—Symphonic Interlude
- 3:00-WJZ—Women to Defeat—Sylvia Porter
- 3:15-WNYC—You and Your Health—Talk
- 3:30-WAFA—Music Carpet
- 3:45-WMCA—News
- 4:00-WAFA—Kate Smith Speaks
- 4:15-WNYC—Midday Symphony
- 4:30-WAFA—Lunchen Concert
- 4:45-WNYC—Deep River Boys
- 5:00-WAFA—Carnegie and Home Hour
- 5:15-WOR—Trans-Radio News
- 5:30-WAFA—Mary Margaret McBride

- WABC—Ben Bernie
- WNYC—Violinists
- 6:00-WOR—Uncle Duke—Children's Program
- 6:15-WJZ—Sports
- 6:30-WAFA—Speaking of Liberty—Chernow, Wilder, Guest
- 6:45-WOR—Trans-Radio News
- 7:00-WNYC—Draft Information—Walt Ad Column
- 7:15-WOR—Here's Morgan
- 7:30-WAFA—World Today
- 7:45-WOR—News of the World
- 8:00-WJZ—Lost Persons—Dramatization
- 8:15-WOR—Adrian Rollins Trio
- 8:30-WAFA—Lanny Ross, Tenor
- 8:45-WMCA—Celebrity Interviews
- 9:00-WAFA—Cugat—Rhumba Revue
- 9:15-WJZ—Al Roth's Orch. and Chorus
- 9:30-WAFA—Treasury of Music
- 9:45-WMCA—News Commentator
- 10:00-WAFA—Frank Morgan, Pannie Brice
- 10:15-WNYC—Variety
- 10:30-WAFA—Dramatization
- 10:45-WOR—"Rockies"—J. C. Flippen
- 11:00-WAFA—Death Valley Days
- 11:15-WOR—Symphony Hall—Beethoven
- 11:30-WAFA—Sweet and Hot—Rimes' Orch.
- 11:45-WOR—Aldrich Family
- 12:00-WJZ—Service with a Smile—Talent from Army, Navy and Marine Camps
- 12:15-WOR—Sunny Goodman
- 12:30-WAFA—Druffy's Tavern—John Kirby's Orchestra
- 12:45-WMCA—Labor Arbitration
- 1:00-WNYC—Bing Crosby and His Orchestra
- 1:15-WOR—News Commentator
- 1:30-WAFA—Amateur Hour
- 1:45-WJZ—Town Meeting of the Air—Lena Horne
- 2:00-WOR—Morton Gould's Orch.
- 2:15-WAFA—Orchestra Series
- 2:30-WMCA—Burrows, Tates—Drama
- 2:45-WAFA—Rudy Valley, John and Lionel Barrymore
- 3:00-WNYC—News Analyst
- 3:15-WAFA—Glen Miller
- 3:30-WOR—Music Album
- 3:45-WJZ—First Piano Quartet
- 4:00-WAFA—News
- 4:15-WNYC—Frank Fay—Variety
- 4:30-WOR—Political Talk—For LaGuardia
- 4:45-WJZ—News; Benny Goodman
- 5:00-WAFA—Trans-Radio News
- 5:15-WOR—Great Masters
- 5:30-WAFA—Negro Male Quartet

## On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney

Francis Reagan was an All-American halfback at the University of Pennsylvania last year. Before joining the marines this week to get into what is known a little tritely but oh so truly as the "bigger and more important game," he played half a season of professional football with the Giants and played well. At the occasion of his teammates' rousing sendoff for him, he made an interesting observation. Particularly interesting because it represented the viewpoint of one who had a fresh and suddenly objective slant on both the college and professional games.

"I think college football players ought to be openly paid," he said. "They work very very hard, as hard as the pros, and the colleges make a lot of money on their efforts. Considering the fact that they must keep up with their studies and still have the same football demands put on them as the pros have, they are certainly entitled to be paid. There shouldn't be any hypocrisy about it."

It would be interesting to hear a reasonable rebuttal to the point Reagan makes. The idea of openly compensating the hard-working, injury-risking gridirers for their efforts as college football players always sounds shocking to those whose concept of the game is of a group of students playing a schedule in a purely sporting, amateur manner. The fact is that college football is a big business, with all the attendant pressure of "make good or else" that accompanies big business of any kind.

It's no longer any secret that players are recruited into the colleges for football ability, given athletic scholarships, tuition and expenses to varying degrees. The colleges aren't giving the athletes any too much. In fact, considering the gruelling almost all-year-round training schedule, the bruising, heavy pressure and semi-hysteria of the games themselves and the big intake of money at the Saturday stadiums, the boys don't get nearly enough.

On the face of it it's a college education for a boy who couldn't afford it otherwise in exchange for services rendered on the gridiron. Actually the scholarship-gridders face a situation where their education hangs on the whim of the University and the fates of football, including broken bones that can end a career. They have to scrimp and dig around for extra money in most cases to live up to college necessities in clothes, books, etc. Theirs is never the choice of cutting down on sports practice for a week to do some study and research.

The colleges are in football now for money. They get their teams that way and make their schedules that way. If Fordham, for example, weren't interested in making money out of football, it wouldn't recruit the majority of its team from the coal and steel areas of Pennsylvania.

Before the picture becomes unbalanced, let it be said here that, IN SPITE of the fact that the game is now big business to the colleges, there is still plenty of the amateur spirit on the teams themselves. Form no picture of mechanical, spiritless players being driven out to their Saturday tasks. For while they are "hired" to do a job (in every sense but getting wages) they still are boys together on a team, with the natural camaraderie, verve, will to win and yes—school spirit that all really good players and teams must have.

For that matter you can step into the dressing room of a professional team, where the basis is openly a salary arrangement for games played, and find that same spirit.

It's just that spirit and the surrounding "glory" of the game that are so cleverly utilized by the colleges in keeping the boys playing a

# SPORTS DAILY WORKER SPORTS

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## Short Shots

Henry Armstrong has probably laid aside his proposed comeback for good... the great little Negro ex-triple champ may go into business on the Coast...

The Grunman aviation basketball team, boasting such stars as Tworoff, King, Lobello and Scheetman of LIU, and Bill Gates of the Renaissance, will be known as the "Flying V's" as the result of a poll of the plant employees for a team name.

Cornell campus has been favorably discussing the Daily Worker article on Coach Snively and the latter is reported re-considering his membership in America First in the light of facts he didn't know before...

**Tomorrow—Lester Rodney and Nat Low turn their expert x-ray on the Ray Robinson-Fritzie Zivic fight.**

big money game for peanuts. But don't think the boys aren't smartening up. It was just two years ago that a complete team of freshmen at Pitt, recruited from union towns and sons of union workers, went on strike for a little better consideration. Pitt was in the midst of a "purity" drive, and the freshmen didn't get what they wanted, so they went elsewhere for their education as you can see by the very feeble efforts of Pitt to score touchdowns these days.

There used to be an annual drive for "purity" and a "return to amateurism" conducted by certain people. These people yearned to do away with all subsidies for players and return to the good old days when all a player got for his efforts was a block varsity letter and three "rahs." But these purists never mentioned anything about going back to the days before big money was coined at the box offices, and bigger demands made of the players. They're sort of subsid of late before the realities of the situation, which were very well put by young Mr. Reagan.

Meet Her Again  
at the  
**Unity Reunion Dance**  
Sat., Nov. 8th

## Cagey Fritzie Zivic Aims To Tie Up Robinson

**Knows Young Ray Can Sock, He Tells 'Daily'**

By Nat Low

Fritzie Zivic, ex-welter champ of the world who recently lost his title to Red Cockerham, and fights Ray Robinson tomorrow night at the Garden, is at 27, a scarred, poised veteran of the ring wars.

The man who ended the long and brilliant career of Henry Armstrong, who made the Brownsville toughie, Al Davis, look like a stumbling novice, who has beaten the best boys in the tough racket, has been fighting for ten years now.

But with years of the gruelling business behind him, Fritzie has no intention of quitting. "I've gotta keep fighting if I want to eat," he told me yesterday when I interviewed him as he went about training chores in preparation for his tough battle with the sensational young Negro kid from Harlem.

The Pioneer Gym on West 44th Street is a windswept, berline-like affair where dozens of fighters train. The sign outside says "Billy Conn, Gus Lesnevich, Fritzie Zivic Box Here."

At 1:30 we were watching light-heavy champ Gus Lesnevich going a couple of rounds with a hardy Negro sparring partner. Other fighters were punching the heavy bags, shadow boxing, skipping rope and doing calisthenics.

A few minutes later Zivic came in dressed in a smart tweed suit. In his dressing room, plastered with pictures of hundreds of fighters, old and new, the young looking vet from the steel mills of Pittsburgh, started to pull his clothes off.

"Fritzie, how do you feel about the fight?" I asked. "I feel I'm gonna win it," he replied promptly, "but this kid Robinson is some fighter, and it's going to be a scrap all the way. The kid is a little raw yet and I think my experience will tell the story. After all, he's only been fighting a year..."

The room was crowded with trainers and writers who had just come from the weighing in down at the Commission's offices. Fritzie had tipped the scales at 148½, Robinson at 142½.

"Say," said Lou Carney, Fritzie's manager, "Did you see how thin that kid's waist was? I've been looking at fighters for about forty years and that's the thinnest thing

I've ever seen... But thin or not, that kid can hit..." he said of Robinson.

After I had asked Carney a few questions, he asked me what paper I was with... When I told him he said, "Oh, yeah. I bet it's got a big circulation in a union city like this."

Zivic was naked by now and slipping into his protective belt. He looks much younger than his years in the ring would make him seem. He's simple, easy-going guy, with a friendly manner and ready smile. There's nothing pretentious about him, no swagger. He's very thin. His legs are almost spindly, his chest narrow, as are his shoulders. Only his arms, which are heavily muscled, denote real power.

He was telling about the crap game in the dressing room the night before... "I was relaxing after the workout, and for some fun, we started to play for nickels and dimes... In about an hour a dozen other fighters and managers were here and soon we were playing for dollar bills... I won 12 bucks," he exclaimed with satisfaction...

When questioned on the fight and the tactics he was going to use, he said, "I'll do a lot of infighting, as I usually do... I'll try to keep him tied up, because he can hit and I'm not going to take any chances winding up on my pants... When I asked him if he thought he was going to knock him out he said, 'I'm gonna try to KO him, but if he's on his feet at the end of the fight I'll mean I CAN'T knock him out, not that I didn't want to.'"

Zivic is Croatian, which is a region in Yugoslavia, where thousands of heroic guerrilla fighters are in a death struggle with Hitler's troops... "I asked him about it and he replied proudly... 'Those fellows can fight too, they'll do a job on Hitler... That Hitler can't win, he's got all the people against him,'"

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## PERSONAL

### But Not Private

By DAVE FARRELL

LOS ANGELES.—Still another grid great Negro star to be added to that unending list which starts with Fritz Pollard of Brown. Now tack on the name of sophomore Sammy Pierce who sports the colors of dear old alma, Cornell. From reading of his exploits in the Colgate game would say that the Big Red have a fair

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**NEW PRO STAR LOOMING**  
We'll make a slight wager that among the first three collegiate leagues is a chap who most of you have never heard of. He is Owen Price, of the Texas School of Mines. In a recent game against Loyola here, he completed 3 out of 6 passes. Deke Houligate, acknowledged one of the greatest authorities on the game, insists that with proper receivers he would have connected for another two dozen. He was hitting them chest high. The Deke who watched Sammy Baugh and Davey O'Brien come up inside

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and all the countries in the world against him, and while he looks strong now, he'll fold up sooner or later... Look at the way Russia's fighting, nobody expected them to put up such a sweet battle..."

He had finished taping his fists, and went outside to box a few fast rounds. A couple of hundred fans were on hand to watch him... Mike Jacobs came over and Fritzie called, "Hello Uncle Mike"... All the fighters call him Uncle.

He went one round with Lou Valenti, who can hit but isn't fast... Zivic rammed home a couple of his celebrated hooks to the midsection that made his sparmate wince.

He then went a round with Joe Pecora, a light but very fast kid who was given instructions to make Zivic step... Pecora showed a lightning left and Fritzie had some trouble getting in close, but towards the end of the round he managed to bust through with a couple of sharp lefts and rights... The boys had heavy head-guards on, so they mixed it freely, not fearing injuries or cuts.

Then he went two rounds with a namesake of his Friday night opponent, Pat Robinson, a young Negro welter, who is both speedy and hard hitting... The two rounds were really hectic, with Zivic appearing slightly slow.

After the first round when he came back to his corner to gargle some water, he winked at me and asked, "How am I doing?" "O.K.," I yelled back, and O.K. he is...

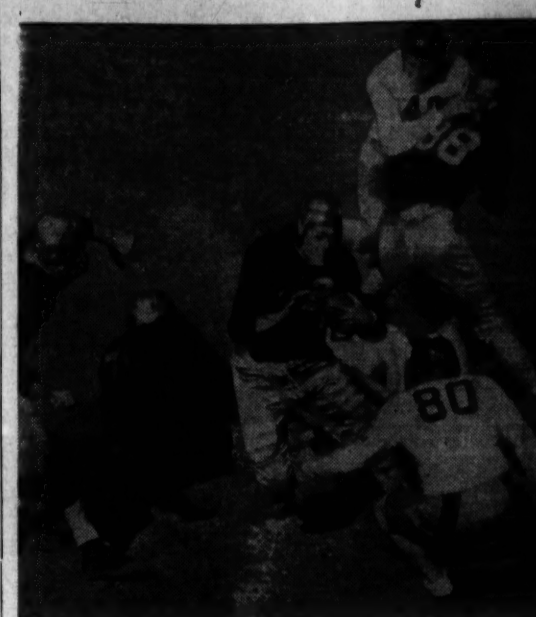
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That Owen Price is superior at this stage of his development to the other two Texans who have made passing history. So tab the name of Owen Price for the draftees for the next season in pro football.

**SPOTTING THE GUILTY MAN**  
Watching a football game is ever so much tougher than it is in baseball. There are 22 active contestants in every play on the gridiron and it's not humanly possible to follow them all. The best one can do if you're watching for amusement is try if you can to follow the ball. If you're watching the game to write about it, you have to have a certain familiarity with the team's play and then hold your glasses on certain players through whose terrain you expect the play to go. And even then when something goes wrong it's hard to tell who is responsible. This reporter has devised his own means of spotting the offender when he misses one. We simply watch whom the coach jerks a play or two later. Because the guilty man is going to be yanked in a hurry. Sometimes a coach will show a little tact and wait a play. But some of the high salaried boys make no bones about it. If a boy misses one, out he comes.

**THE BOOKS CLEANED UP ON SATURDAY**  
Among our new sources is one Gimmel Hogan, a charming chap who makes a living by printing cards with football games and betting you that you can't pick three or more winners by either hat-pin or skull-dust method. Over this week, Gimmel informs me, the football bookies made their biggest clean-up of the season. The form players were slaughtered, with the following upsets costing the silly ones plenty of potatoes, UCLA-Oregon, Cal-S.C., Harvard-Navy, Missouri-Nebraska, Wake-Forest-North Carolina, Loyola-St. Mary's Mississippi - Tulane, Geneva Carnegie Tech, Oklahoma Washington State-Oregon State, Duquesne-Marquette. There isn't a sucker who thinks he knows something about football but would have taken the second named clubs in every case—and lost. The moral of this last paragraph is don't bet the football pools. If you must get reckless with your dough bet a single game. Better still, don't bet at all. You can no more tell how a game will go than how a pigskin will bounce.

## Rams Tops, Says Jock Sutherland



**JIMMY BLUMENSTOCK**, called by Coach Jim Crowley the "best back in the country," may not be quite that but he's plenty good. Here's the Fordham ace breaking through the Texas Christian line last Saturday to start a long run for a touchdown. He's apparently going to be tackled by number 80, but number 80 was as surprised as you. Devastating downfield blocking is a Fordham keynote. Poor NYU!

**Ex-Pitt Mentor Sees Great Backfield Carrying Fordham Through Purdue, All Other Opposition**

If Fordham gets past Purdue Saturday, then they have pretty clear sailing for an unbeaten season, and ranking as one of the top teams in the land.

And as Dr. Jock Sutherland, Dodge grid coach who used to turn world beaters at Pitt, told the DAILY reporter yesterday, this Fordham team has everything and then some.

Jock thinks the Ram backfield is one of the best he's seen in college football. Behind a powerful line, Jim Crowley has Jim Blumenstock, who he rates as the top back in the country (and when one keeps in mind aces like Bill De Correvant, Capt. Bruce Smith of Minnesota and others, that's quite a statement to make), Steve Filipowicz who at fullback is a triple threat passer, blocker and runner and the real spark of the backfield; Claude Pieciewicz and sensational Joe Andrejco who has run wild in the last two games.

To support these stars, the Rams can also throw into the breach veterans Jim Noble, George Cheverko, Ebadia Cossak, a foursome that would have no trouble at all making a first rate backfield for any team. But the talent-rich Rams are not pooh-poohing Purdue. The giant Bollermakers have held the Big "Nine" teams, who are among the best in the country, to less than one touchdown a game, and Fordham may have to resort to the air if the 215-pound Purdue line foils their running attack.

And their air attack is ready for any emergency. Jim Lansing, the glue-fingered end, is tied with Joe Andrejco in scoring for the Rams. He has tallied on 18 points on three important touchdowns, two of them coming in last Saturday's game with TCU. The Rams have also been blessed with perfect condition, all their stars coming out of the Horned Frog game sound and strong. Not since 1936, when NYU knocked them off in the last game of the year have the boys from Rose Hill come so close to finishing with an unbeaten record. That year the Rams were almost packed up for the trip to the Rose Bowl when their traditional rivals from Washington Square upset them 7-6. However, should they get past Purdue, the long cherished untarnished record seems within grasp. Remaining on the schedule are games with Pitt, which since being de-emphasized has yet to win a game all season and has tallied only one touchdown. St. Mary's, which is so-so in an under-par Pacific Coast Conference, and the oft-beaten NYU Violets.

**Touchdown, Please**  
Much as certain other lesser known programs of a similar nature have their sports authorities, "Interpretation Please," presented tonight at Webster Hall by New Masses, presents James Dugan, well known Penn State and Brooklyn Dodge baseball fan among his other accomplishments. Mr. Dugan, it can be revealed, may be heckled with a sports question by a sports writer from a daily working-class newspaper.

**The Wrong Answer For This Season!**  
Red Black, new West Point coach who has turned last year's seventimes beaten team into an undefeated outfit to date (Notre Dame coming up), told a funny one at the Football Writers Dinner Monday.

"I was pointing out the importance of the defense play in the end-tackle area during spring blackboard session, to show how many games are lost there," he narrated, "when I noticed one of the boys' attention wandering. I called his name and snapped, 'Where are most football games lost?' He replied, 'Er—why, right here at West Point, Coach!'"

Incidentally, Frank Masur, crack passer who was out of the Columbia game, will see action against Notre Dame Saturday.

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